

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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*The sky is falling* —————

## KMR may track Mir descent into Pacific

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

Nothing this historical has fallen out of the sky since Newton's Apple — and Kwajalein Missile Range may see it happen.

KMR is ready to track the Mir space station when it plummets to Earth later this month, according to Terry Brown, KMR chief engineer. The remnants of the 15-year-old station is expected to land somewhere in the Pacific Ocean, near 47 degrees south latitude and 140 degrees west longitude, about halfway between New Zealand and Chile, according to an Associated Press report.

"We are going to track it if it falls within our viewing window," Brown said, adding that the

honors will go to TRADEX, as ALTAIR will be down at that time for upgrades. Brown said range Optics may also get involved.

The AP story quoted Russian officials saying that chunks of Mir, weighing up to 1,500 pounds, would survive the fiery reentry and splash into the ocean about 30 minutes after the station enters the atmosphere.

"It's certainly exciting," said Denise Comeau, TRADEX sensor leader. "It's part of history."

Added Steve Six, TRADEX systems engineer, "We'll be seeing it on the news, on the Internet and we'll be part of it."

Originally scheduled for destruction March 6,

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(Photo courtesy of the Russian Space Agency Website)

NASA space shuttle crews will no longer be linking up with Mir. The aging space station is coming back to Earth this month, and the Kwajalein Missile Range is expecting to be in on the action.

## Country act starts a swinging entertainment season

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

Between country music sensation MC Potts and a dozen pro wrestlers, the island of Kwajalein may enjoy a county fair atmosphere next week.

Potts comes to Kwajalein Friday night and will perform at the Outrigger on Roi Saturday, 8 p.m.; Gilligan's on Kwajalein, Sunday, 8 p.m.; and Emon Beach, Monday, 5 p.m.

She arrives with a four-member band and will play songs from her CD, "Straight to You."

Country music lovers will know Potts from her 1997 nomination as TNN Music City "Female Star of Tomorrow." She joined country stars Jo Dee Messina, LeAnn Rimes, Deana Carter and Mindy McCready on the list of those honored.

Military members might remember



MC Potts

her from a tour of bases in Italy, also in 1997.

Potts first hit the charts in 1996 with singles, "Back When" and "Put Me Out of My Misery," both from her debut CD. She went on the road, opening for Diamond Rio, Charlie Daniels, David Lee Murphy, Confederate Railroad, Tracy Byrd, Bryan White and others.

The 32-year-old singer grew up in Columbus, Ohio. Her father, who has a bachelor of fine arts in vocal music, introduced her to Broadway tunes, but she always liked country music,

(See ENTERTAINMENT, page 4)

# Pro wrestling body slams those overpaid athletes

By John Harris III

Jimmy Buffett was recently ejected from a professional basketball game in Miami for directing foul language at the officials (a pun lurks somewhere there folks). This event was all over the news, as TV cameras showed a smiling Mr. Buffett being escorted from his seat by Miami Heat security personnel. No doubt this event will inspire Jimmy to write a new song. Perhaps *Son of a Son of a & \*^%\$* has possibilities.

That Mr. Buffett used profanity should not be shocking; after all, this is the author of songs such as, "Why Don't We Get Drunk and Screw." That Jimmy directed his tirade at basketball referees should not appall us either, as everyone likes to vent at authority. Granted, Jimmy Buffett is not the average sports fan, and I doubt he has ever paid for a seat to a Miami Heat game in his life (he occasionally sings the National Anthem before games). But I do find it disturbing that he was escorted from the arena for voicing his opinion as a sports fan.

This event represents everything that is wrong with professional sports today. Without sports fans that care (i.e. purchase tickets), pro sports



would cease to exist. Yet fans no longer feel any connection to sports or teams, and are subjected to extravagant prices and obnoxious athletes that care nothing about the fans who support them.

Professional wrestling is coming to Kwaj in March, and I hear a collective sigh of indignation and disgust being exhaled over the island. Most people think of wrestling as being a fake, violent and crude form of silliness suitable only for adolescents and inbreds — a circus of the surreal. And Jimmy Buffett is welcome at a professional wrestling match, where his voice (no matter how profane) will be heard and appreciated.

Pro Rasslin' may be the only sport left that fans can feel part of. Wrestling features characters that portray various elements of society, some more or less appealing than others. There

are heroes, villains and various weirdos or characters in between. Each wrestler has a unique personality, and you may love them or hate them, but you will care about them. Athletes in other professional sports are dull and boring in comparison.

Professional sports have lost any hint of integrity or fairness. Few professional teams are competitive, as good players sign with teams that can pay their high salary and have a chance of winning (anyone think the Braves won't win their division again this year?). In addition, whiny, overpaid athletes leave a team at the slightest hint of more money, so that teams develop no continuity and fans establish no relationship with a team. Athletes like Michael Jordan and Cal Ripken are a thing of the past.

College sports are not much better, as the top 20-30 schools in the USA with fat budgets recruit superior high school athletes and maintain a winning program.

Need I even begin to mention the drugs, crime and gambling associated with both professional and collegiate athletes?

Face it people — 'rasslin is the last  
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### The Kwajalein Hourglass

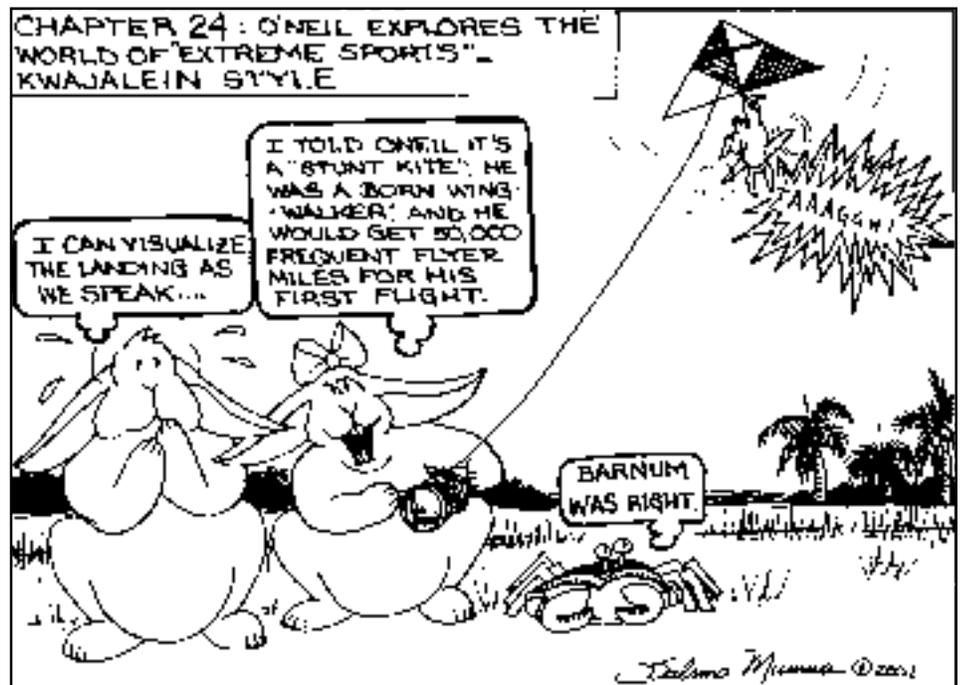
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## Buckminster and Friends

By Sabrina Mumma



## Travel: Book it now

**By Jim Bennett**  
Editor

It's never too early to make travel plans on Kwajalein, according to Gina Sansone, RSE travel coordinator.

Sansone and other travel coordinators on island prepare to enter the busy travel season, when about half the island residents make plans to leave for summer vacations.

"It starts right after the holidays," Sansone said. "But right about now, the floodgates open."

In fact, travel representatives move more than 1,000 residents between June and August, Sansone said.

"Any of the population with school-age kids or who are employed by the schools are going to take their annual leave in the summer," she said.

Some flights in June are already filled. Others are going fast.

Continental is moving up flight arrivals by an hour for the summer season. And with the addition of non-stop Aloha flights from Kwajalein to Honolulu, travelers will have another option besides AMC, ATI, Continental and Aloha's Friday-Saturday flights.

Making travel plans starts with forms. Each company has its own set; Raytheon drafted a new form in November. No other form will be accepted for RSE employees, Sansone said. RSE travelers also should make reservations through the Continental Travel Office before submitting that travel request form, to ensure the travel dates are available.

AMC travelers go through the same reservation process.

According to Sansone, AMC flights are not booked until 60 days before the travel date. Before that, all reservations are filed in the order they are received. At the 60-day mark, the seats are filled from the filed reservations, then from later reservations, all on a first-come, first-served basis.

Said Sansone, "Booking early is never a bad thing."

## Wrestling doesn't discriminate ...

(From page 2)

professional sport in the world with any shred of purity and integrity. There is nothing complicated about the sport — two individuals compete in the ring; one wins and one loses. It doesn't get simpler than that. No drugs, no gambling, no sissy athletes threatening to sit out games because of a contract dispute. Two men compete, and to quote the great Dusty Rhodes, "There's only one man going to da' pay window."

And wrestling does not discriminate like other professional sports. How many women are in the NBA or the NFL? Wrestling allows anyone to compete, from minorities to midgets. In fact, women can and do compete successfully against men, as demonstrated by WWF athlete Chyna, who has held both the WWF Intercontinental and Tag Team Championships.

Wrestlers as athletes are greatly under-appreciated. Wrestler A lifts and presses 250-pound Wrestler B over his head and slams Wrestler B to the mat. Wrestler A then runs into the ropes, leaps into the air and lands on Wrestler B with his elbow. But Wrestler B is having none of this, and subdues Wrestler A with a barrage of punches and kicks. Wrestler B then hurls Wrestler A over the top rope 6 to 8 feet down onto a concrete floor. Wrestler B then climbs to the

top rope and leaps 10 feet to the floor and lands on top of Wrestler A. Miraculously, neither man is killed.

Strength, skill, balance and coordination? You bet. Rehearsed? You'd better hope so. Fake? Not one bit.

Dollar for dollar, wrestling is the best deal going in sports. Spend your hard-earned cash on a ballgame and in most cases you will be treated to a one-sided snoozefest while sitting in the high-altitude section and paying \$5 for a tasteless hotdog. Shell out \$50 for the latest Mike Tyson debacle and it might last 30 seconds before Iron Mike chomps on an ear. Go to an NBA game and you never know if Shaq is going to foul out or score 30 points.

But with wrestling, you know exactly what to expect — hours of heart-stopping action, with the outcome always in doubt until the last second, and enough punching and kicking to fill a Jackie Chan flick. Throw in a bit of comedy and a few death-defying stunts, and the fans always go home happy.

So to all of you roody-poo, pencil-neck geeks who just don't get it and think that wrestling is beneath you, stay home! We fans don't want you wasting space and taking up valuable seats in the arena, anyway. As for me, I plan to be there ringside when the Honky Tonk Man knocks somebody's eye out!

**Got change?**  
**We need your help!**  
If you have lots of change in jars or cans that you don't want to roll or count, bring it to Ten-Ten March 12, 1-4 p.m., and we will count it for you and give you greenbacks

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE RECLAIMED WATER SYSTEM

**High turbidity in Kwajalein's Non-Potable Water System.** The Kwajalein Island non-potable or reclaimed water system is experiencing increased levels of turbidity. Turbidity is the cloudiness of the water. The USAKA Environmental Standards require the turbidity of the reclaimed water system to be 2.0 turbidity units or below. Since Feb. 24, the turbidity has risen above 2.0 turbidity units and has remained elevated ever since. USAKA regulations require public notification for this condition.

**What does this mean?** This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. The turbidity levels are relatively low but their persistence is of concern. Turbidity itself has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. The reclaimed water system is tested daily for the presence of bacteria and test results show no evidence of any bacterial growth. Turbidity is measured mainly to monitor the performance of the reclaimed water filtration system. Currently, the system is experiencing high levels of demand, which puts greater stresses on the filters. One cause of this high level of flow is the increased watering of lawns and houseplants due to the lack of rainfall during the last few weeks.

**What is being done to correct the problem?** To alleviate the problem, the filtration system is in the process of being upgraded for better filtration and increased capacity. To ensure microbial safety of the system, the addition of chlorine, which disinfects the water, has been increased and the amount of bacterial testing has been stepped up considerably. If the problem persists, the system may be switched temporarily to another source of water such as groundwater or salt-water until the problem can be resolved. You will be notified prior to any change. Currently, no restrictions on the normal use of reclaimed water (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc.) are necessary. Conservation is encouraged, however. Please contact the Utilities Department at 51847 or the Environmental Office at 51134 if you have any questions regarding this notice or the reclaimed water system.

## Entertainment rolls in through May ...

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particularly Patsy Cline, Ronnie Milsap, the Judds, Bonnie Raitt and Loretta Lynn.

"When I was growing up, country music was all the horses would listen to at our barn," she said in a press release. "I started riding horses when I was nine years old. I talked my parents into letting me move in with the family that was boarding my horse. They had a ranch and I did the whole 4-H thing, county fairs and all. It was great."

Potts studied music at Ohio State and later moved to New York City and, finally, Nashville, where she signed with Critique/BMG Records in 1996.

CPN has played her music recently, as well, interrupting the daily rock and contemporary music show to play the country tunes.

After Potts leaves on Tuesday, however, the entertainment is not over. Pro Wrestlers The Honky Tonk Man and One Man Gang headline an act that includes six matches, Thursday, March 15. The Headshrinker Samu, of Samoa, will take on former World Wrestling Federation wrestler, The Patriot. In ladies action, the fiery red-head Hellena Heavenly will go up

against World Wrestling champion Malia Hosaka, of Tokyo, in a battle for national pride.

The show kicks off at 6 p.m. at Brandon Field, as the wrestlers make themselves available for autographs. Matches start at 7 p.m. Fans are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and radios, as CPN will broadcast pre-match activities and on-air interviews.

According to Steve Snider, Community Activities superintendent of Entertainment Services, the March performances are only the start of an entertaining spring.

April 1 will see the "Battle of the Bands" at Emon Beach, along with a Spring Break festival featuring local merchants, ethnic food and a Kwajalein Yacht Club chili cook-off.

Comedians from the USO Comedy Break tour will visit in late-April, and in mid-May, ballplayers from the movie "Field of Dreams" will land on-island. They will face a Kwajalein all-stars team drawn from the various softball teams.

Finally, at the end of May, the Harlem Ambassadors, a team similar to the Harlem Globetrotters, will bring all-star basketball to Kwaj.

## D.A.R.E. message played out on stage ...

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about drugs, I knew I had a lot ahead of me," wrote Mike Grant, whose essay was selected by Reed as the best of Bennett/Corbin's class. Grant read the essay aloud to the crowd of parents and friends.

Added Whitney Schwarz, the essay winner from Kortz' class, "If I became a drug abuser, my life would be a lot different than what I want it to be."

"Staying drug free is essential to having a good life," agreed Katie Maynard, the essay winner from Keck's class. "The point is, drugs in any amount can injure you."

Next, Reed announced the over-

all sixth grade essay winner, Jefferson Bobo.

"I think [D.A.R.E.] helps people make good decisions," Bobo said.

Each class presented a skit on what it learned. Two of the three involved acting out a drug deal, the third included scenes performed to a poem about drug abuse and violence.

Then Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., USAKA/KMR commander, and Maj. Paul Bezzek, KMR provost marshal, joined Reed in presenting the diplomas.

Said Wrenn, "This is a big step in your life, but the most important step is to practice what you've learned here."

# TRADEX to keep an eye on Mir descent ...

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the station got a temporary reprieve by the Russian Space Agency (Rosaviacosmos) until March 16-18 because the later time is expected to allow more of the orbiter to burn up as it enters the Earth's atmosphere, the AP reported.

Frank Pichler, MIT/Lincoln Lab orbital analyst, explained that when the Russians decide to bring the station down, a cargo ship filled with fuel that's docked with Mir is to fire its thrusters and drive the 137-ton space station down into the atmosphere. Heat and pressure will then take over and cause disintegration, he said.

"It's pretty much out of control at that time. We rely on physics and luck," Pichler said, adding that a controlled descent can only be made as long as the Mir orbit is stable when the thrusters are fired. That's one of the main tasks for sensors worldwide tracking the station.

If all goes as planned, when the Mir breaks the horizon over the Moscow control station for the last time, the thrusters will fire.

"If all goes well, we may not see that last pass," Pichler said.

Six said that one might expect a planned descent to be easier to track than the typical re-entry tasking, but it will still offer some difficulties for the L- and S-band radar.

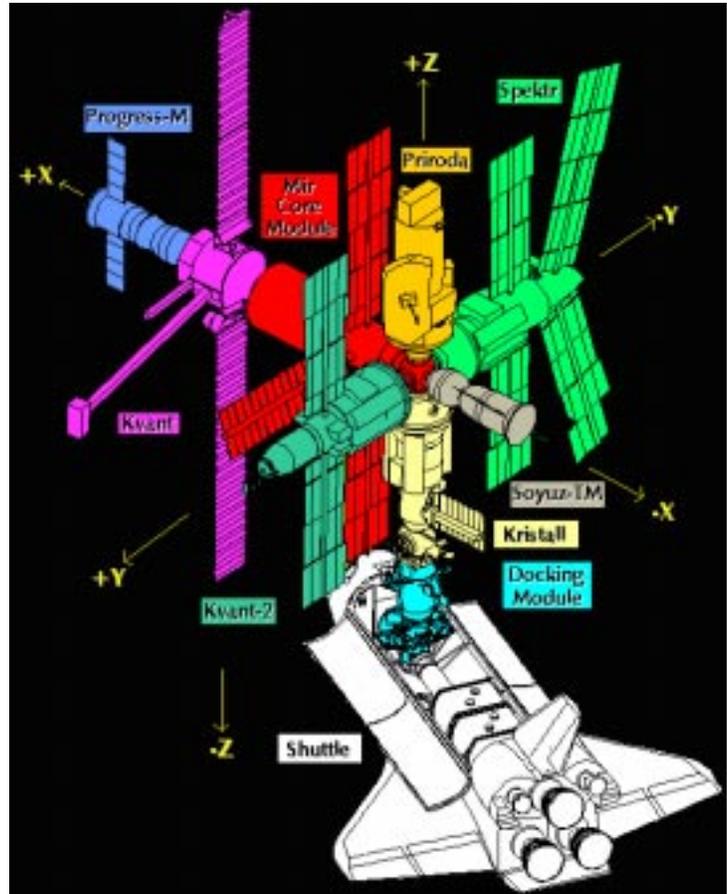
"There's not too many situations when it's a planned descent. In this case, it should be easier," he said, but added, "You're going to be tracking something that may not go exactly as planned, and there may be many pieces."

Launched on Feb. 20, 1986 and with a life-expectancy of five years, Mir has been home to more than 100 cosmonauts and foreign astronauts, including Americans, but it has been plagued in recent years by accidents including a fire and a near-fatal collision with a cargo ship in 1997.

"People tend to laugh at Mir and point at the antiquated Russian technology, but I believe that Mir is a tremendous technical achievement and the Russians should be lauded for keeping it in orbit and operational for so long," Pichler said. "The station has provided a wealth of knowledge concerning long-term effects of space on humans, and the Russians have demonstrated their ingenuity time and again as they've overcome problems that occur with the aging hardware."

Pichler, however, noted that a large part of the delay in bringing the Mir down has involved Russian pride, as the Mir is viewed as the pinnacle of Russian space achievement.

"You're seeing a lot of Russian politics," he said.



(Illustration courtesy of NASA)

## Mir: Putting the pieces together

### Core Module

The MIR module, which is the core module for the whole complex, contains the operations zone and the living zone. The living zone is where the crew quarters, the galley, and the personal hygiene area are. The operations area is the control area for the entire Mir complex. The crew can monitor and command core systems, as well as science equipment and facilities and the piloting station. The Mir module is over 43 feet long and has a diameter of up to 13 feet.

### Kvant-1

Kvant-1 is the Astrophysics module. It provides information for research into the physics of active galaxies, quasars and neutron stars. Kvant-1 is 19 feet long and 14 feet in diameter.

### Kvant-2

Kvant-2 is the Scientific and Airlock module. It provides biotechnology research data, Earth observation photographic equipment and EVA capability. It is over 40 feet long and 14 feet in diameter.

### Kristall

Kristall Technological module with a Shuttle docking port is used for biological and materials processing technology development in the space environment. It contains equipment that produces semiconductors and other high-tech materials that benefit from the low-gravity environment of space.

### Spektr

The Spektr module arrived at the Mir complex in June, 1995. It contains equipment for atmospheric research and surface studies.

### Priroda

Priroda remote sensing module was launched in spring of 1996. It contains active, passive and infra-red radiometers.

## 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, Andrea, 53705.**

**FOOD INSPECTOR.** Casual. Self-motivated individual with good communication skills to perform receipt inspections of all food products arriving on island for visible indications of spoilage, damage and contamination and assure that FDA standards of wholesomeness and suitability for intended purposes are met. Must be able to work independently with little supervision.

**BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR,** Human Resources. Individual will be responsible for administration of employee benefits including health and dental insurance programs, 401k and short-term and long-term disability insurance. Responsible for conducting new-hire orientations, benefit briefings and employee exit interviews. Excellent communication and written skills as well as familiarity with Microsoft applications required.

**AUDITOR,** Finance Dept. Duties include time card and cash audits, compiling audit results via computer programs, issuing audit memos, maintaining departmental correspondence and records, supervising and participating in four major inventory audits per year and other duties as required. Major requirements are maturity and judgment. High school diploma and familiarity with Microsoft Office or similar software products required.

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

**WANTED**

**RETURN OF** old radio show cassettes borrowed and not yet returned. Call 53439.

**PATIO** for 400-series housing. Call 51124.

**JOGGING STROLLER** with brakes, in good condition; outdoor playhouse; used Burley. Call 52639.

**REPUTABLE VCR** and/or vacuum cleaner repair shop in Hono. If you know of one, call Linda, 54624, before March 7.

**LOST**

**BRACELET** at Father/Daughter Dance. Call 52530.

**SILVER ANKLET** with beads and heart. Call 54641.

**TYR GOGGLES,** black with red writing, at Emon Beach Feb. 11 and beach bucket, blue shovel and castle shapes at Emon Beach Feb. 18. Call 52674.

**U. S. DIVER** mask and snorkel, yellow and black with wrap-around lens. Call 51925 or 53375.

**PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES** in grey/silver snap case between marina boat launch

and Surfway. Call 52725.

**FOUND**

**RED THREE-speed** Huffy, fairly new, basket on front, rack on back. Call Dave, 52675.

**GREEN PLASTIC** Little Tykes wagon with sides missing at Poinsettia and Lagoon Road. Call 54624.

**L.A. GEAR** children's sneakers, size 11, white with navy blue, with velcro on Western Street playground and a pendant or charm with 10 stones at Emon Beach. Call 52674.

**MASK** on Emon Beach Feb. 25. Call 53693.

**GOGGLES** with blue lenses and two sand shovels at Emon Beach. Call 52663.

**RED GLASS** case with glasses inside. Call 52324.

**CLASSES AND COURSES**

**KDA ballroom** dance classes begin the second week of March. Introductory courses are being offered in salsa, tango, swing, waltz and rumba. For information and to register, call Donna, 53470. Deadline is March 9.

**GIVEAWAY**

**RAIN GUTTER** for new housing patio and 12' x 12' outdoor carpet. Call 51494 after 6 p.m.

**FOR SALE**

**BIKE,** fair condition, \$34; child's 12" bike, Kwaj-condition, \$10; two fold-out beach chairs, good condition, \$10 each. Call 54434.

**WEBER 22½"** covered grill and cover, \$85; Char-Broil LP Gas grill, .754-square-inch cooking space, dual swing-away warming racks, \$200; casual living patio furniture, large glass-top table, six thick padded chairs, umbrellas and stand, \$800. All items new. Call 52765 after 7 p.m. or on weekends.

**PINE BEDROOM** suite: dresser and mirror with seven drawers, chest of drawers with five drawers, two-drawer night stand, \$200; two wardrobes, 60" high x 31" wide x 21" deep, \$50 each; Schwinn Air Dyne exercise cycle, works upper and lower body, \$125; inflatable kayak with paddles, \$75. Call 51750.

**SONY 36"** flat screen Trinitron XBRTV, with stand, some cosmetic scars, works well, \$1,500; two aluminum 80 scuba tanks, yellow, almost new, \$60 each; desk, 6' x 3' top, \$25; Sony G-400 Trinitron flat screen monitor, in excellent condition, \$425 or best offer. Call 52575W.

**FOUR-MAN** inflatable raft with paddles, new, never in water, \$50. Call John, 55945.

**LADIES SUN** Nexus four-speed bicycle, used for only two weeks, with basket, fenders, high-rise Kwaj bars and stainless

**Town hall meetings**

**Kwaj . . . tonight**  
6:30 p.m.,  
in the MP room

**Roi . . . tomorrow,**  
6:30 p.m.,  
in Tradewinds Theater

steel cable, over \$300 invested, will sell for \$200. Call 53691 anytime.

**PLANTS,** great prices. @trs. 136-E.

**TELESCOPE:** Meade ETX 125 EC Astro telescope with electronic controller, Auto Star computer, deluxe field tripod, hard carrying case, three eyepieces, 8 x 25 spotter scope, used twice, paid \$1,600, will sell for \$1,150. Call 53691.

**15" SVGA** monitor, \$40; two 16" girls bikes, good condition, \$15 each; two sets of snorkel gear with vests, \$15-\$20; box fan, \$5; walk-through baby gate; \$10; four directors' chairs, \$40. Call 52664.

**PCS SALE.** Sony 27" stereo TV, \$250; older BCD with Air II, \$20; ice chest, \$5; three boys bikes, various sizes, \$7 each; green area rug, \$10; baby gate, \$5; diaper pail, \$4; clothes hamper; trash cans, various sizes, \$3 each. All prices negotiable. Call 51618.

**TWO COMPUTER** desks, \$50 each. Call 54196.

**IN-GROUND** basketball goal, fiberglass and aluminum, adjustable to 9' or 10', \$100; aluminum and stainless steel bike trailer, 36" long x 24" wide x 18" deep, \$150; marine porta-potty, \$25; boat fender, 8" x 30", \$20; 90 Penn Senator reel with 80 line, \$60; plastic five-gallon fuel cans, \$8 each. Call 51494 after 6 p.m.

**19" TV** with remote, works well, \$185; Dacor Seachute BCD, size XL-XXL, new, paid \$450, will sell for \$260; microwave, \$50; Nikonos camera with strobe, good condition, \$250. Call Tim, 52643.

**SIX-PERSON** portable hot tub with chemicals and all supplies, excellent condition, great for Kwaj nights, \$900. Call Tom, 54243, after 5 p.m. or leave a message.

**CARD TABLE** with four chairs, \$50; oak roll-top desk, \$500; above-ground pond with fountain, \$100; park bench, \$20; maple wall desk; floor lamp; bedside table; solid cherry queen-size bed with storage, \$800. Call 52602.

**TWO SLEEPING** bags, \$30 each; black and white Action laser 1500 printer, \$60; Meade model 290, 2.4" (60mm) equatorial refract-

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### Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation Thursday, March 8, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below. The red range flag is located on the southwest end of the island next to GBR-P on the lagoon side. Questions? Call Jim Warnke, 54452.



ing telescope, \$100; Health-Smart Hamilton Beach juicer, \$35; Eclipse system 12-gallon fish tank, great hospital tank, \$45; Sony AM/FM radio/alarm clock, \$15. Call 52295.

KWAJ BIKE, 7 months old, available March 20, \$40; two 9' x 6' beige/brown carpets for trailer bedroom, available March 14, \$20 each. Call 54509.

BROTHER SEWING machine in cabinet, \$50. Call 53661.

FENDER AMERICAN standard Stratocaster guitar with hard shell case, antique burst finish with maple neck, excellent condition, \$585. Call 54197 after 7 p.m.

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

JUDGING for Quarters of the Quarter is Tuesday, March 20. One residence from each of the five housing areas will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate from Macy's and will be featured in the *Hourglass*. Questions? Call 51098.

WOMEN'S HISTORY month luncheon is Friday, March 16, noon-1 p.m., in the Yokwe Yuk Club dining room. Dr. Linda Gentle, deputy directory of USAKA higher command, the SMDC Acquisition Center, is the guest speaker. Lunch, including gratuity, is \$10. For reservations, call Jewels, 58905, by noon March 15. No group reservations. No exceptions.

MACY'S and MACY'S WEST will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 22, 23 and 24, for annual inventory. Stores will re-open Monday, March 26.

RUSTMAN TRIATHLON is scheduled for April 30. If you are planning to participate as a contestant, consider some pre-race training in March and April. If you'd like to help conduct the event on race day, call Bob, 51815.

AMERICAN LEGION Womens Auxiliary monthly meeting is Thursday, 6:30 p.m., at the Vets' Hall. Women interested in joining are welcome. Questions? Call Lorraine, 54612.

TAX FORMS are now available at Grace

Sherwood Library.

USAKA/KMR legal officer Kent Duncan will be on Roi-Namur Saturday, March 10, 9:15-11 a.m. To make an appointment for legal assistance, call 51431.

KWAJALEIN FAMILY History Center is proud to announce the release of Freedman's Bank Records CD. This is the most recent CD in a group of data compilations released by the LDS Church. This CD contains information on over 480,000 former slaves, including name of depositor, spouse, children, parents and siblings. Released Feb. 26. It will soon be available on Kwajalein.

SAVE APRIL 8 for the Kaleidoscope of Music, 7 p.m., at the MP room. A wonderful musical variety show by talented local performers. Presented by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club.

OPTOMETRIST will be on island March 28 through April 2. To make an appointment, call 51174 Thursday, March 8, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m. Provide the following information: Patient name and birth date, employee (sponsor) name and Social Security number, insurance coverage, reason for visit.

VET TECH will be off island through March 8. Emergencies will be handled by Kathy Cutshaw, RN at Kwaj Hospital. For more information, call 52017.

EKATAK YEARBOOKS are on sale through Saturday, March 10. Price is \$40. Post-deadline price will be \$45. Order yours today at the high school or elementary school office.

KWAJALEIN TENNIS Club is sponsoring a singles tournament March 12-24. Entry forms available at the tennis courts for mens and womens levels A-B. Finals will be played March 24 followed by a social with food and beverages. Entries due by March 5. For details, call Kevin, 54785, Wil, 52687, or Jim, 54316.

GET READY for summer! In addition to the boating class being offered March 7-8, we will also offer a weekend class for those of you who work late or can't make the week-night class. This weekend class will be Monday, March 12, 8 a.m.-noon, in CRC Room 1. You may register and pay the \$20 fee for either class at Community Activities or the Small Boat Marina. Questions? Call Drew, 53643.

SMALL BOAT MARINA buddy list has grown to six people. Are there really only six people on Kwaj that love the water but don't know others to go out with them? This is your last chance to sign up and meet others with your interests. You may sign up at the Small Boat Marina or Community Activities. If you are already on the list, just ask the marina for a copy. Questions? Call Drew, 53643.

ATTENTION SKIERS: The ski dock has

### Yokwe Yuk Club Weekend Special:

**Veal Oscar**  
**Two 4 oz. petite veal fillets topped with asparagus, crab meat and béarnaise sauce.**  
**Served with choice of potato or rice and fresh vegetables.**  
**\$19.95**

been pulled from the water for repairs. What does this mean to you? Only the captain and a spotter are allowed in the old ski boat so extra skiers must be exchanged at the Small Boat Marina. It is illegal to load or switch skiers from the rocks or by swimming to the boat. Questions? Call Drew, 53643.

SMALL BOAT MARINA is now authorized to launch/haul private boats on a time available basis. The service is free to registered boat owners. Several restrictions apply. Ask for a copy of "Request for Service/Waiver" from Small Boat Marina. Questions? Call Drew, 53643.

GRACE SHERWOOD Library will be open Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., in addition to regular hours.

HIGH SCHOOL band and choir concert featuring music of Broadway and the movies will be Thursday, 7 p.m., in the MP room.

BOATING ORIENTATION class will be March 7-8, 6-8 p.m., in CAC Room 1. The fee is \$20. You must attend both nights. Sign up at the Small Boat Marina or Community Activities. Questions? Call 53643.

KGA GENERAL membership meeting will be March 8, 7 p.m., at Holmberg Country Club. Meet the new KGA council and learn about KGA plans for the rest of the year such as fun tournaments, junior golf, Coral Open 2001 and Kwaj Open 2001. Transportation will be provided to those who don't wish to ride their bikes. Pick-up will be 6:30-7 p.m. at the CRC, Surfway parking lot and the Snack Bar parking lot. Beverages available on a donation basis only.

U.S. GOVERNMENT property sealed bid will be conducted during the months of February and March. Items will be available for inspection Feb. 27 through March 10, Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. Sealed bids will be received until 6 p.m. March 10 at the Raytheon Range Systems Engineering, DCCB, Facility 1500. Bids will be opened at 9 a.m. March 13. For additional information, contact Raytheon Reutilization and Disposal, 51770 or 51076.

**If you don't have a paper by 5:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, call 52114 before 6 p.m., and one will be delivered to you.**

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Space Cowboys (PG-13, New Release)**

Four men passed over by the space program in the early 1950s get one last chance to be heroes and live out their dream. The plot: A Russian satellite guidance system is malfunctioning, which could cause it to crash to Earth, so NASA calls on Frank Corvin to help, because he designed an identical one for Skylab. Corvin agrees, as long as he and his three buddies can make the repairs themselves — in space. (Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland, James Garner) (129 minutes) *Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**The Contender (R, New Release)**

When the vice president of the United States dies, President Jackson Evans nominates a woman for the post. A nasty game of politics and character assassination ensues, as the opposition attempts to discredit her. (Jeff Bridges, Joan Allen) (126 minutes) *Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.*

**The Legend of Bagger Vance (New Release, PG13)**

A gifted amateur golfer falls into alcoholism and disrepute after World War I. He reluctantly gets back into the game to help out a beautiful heiress, but just as things seem hopeless, a mysterious man named Bagger Vance appears to serve as his caddy and spiritual adviser. (127 minutes) *Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.*

**Sunday**

**The Legend of Bagger Vance (New Release, PG13)**

*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**The Contender (R, New Release)**

*Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Space Cowboys (PG-13, New Release)**

*Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.*

**Monday**

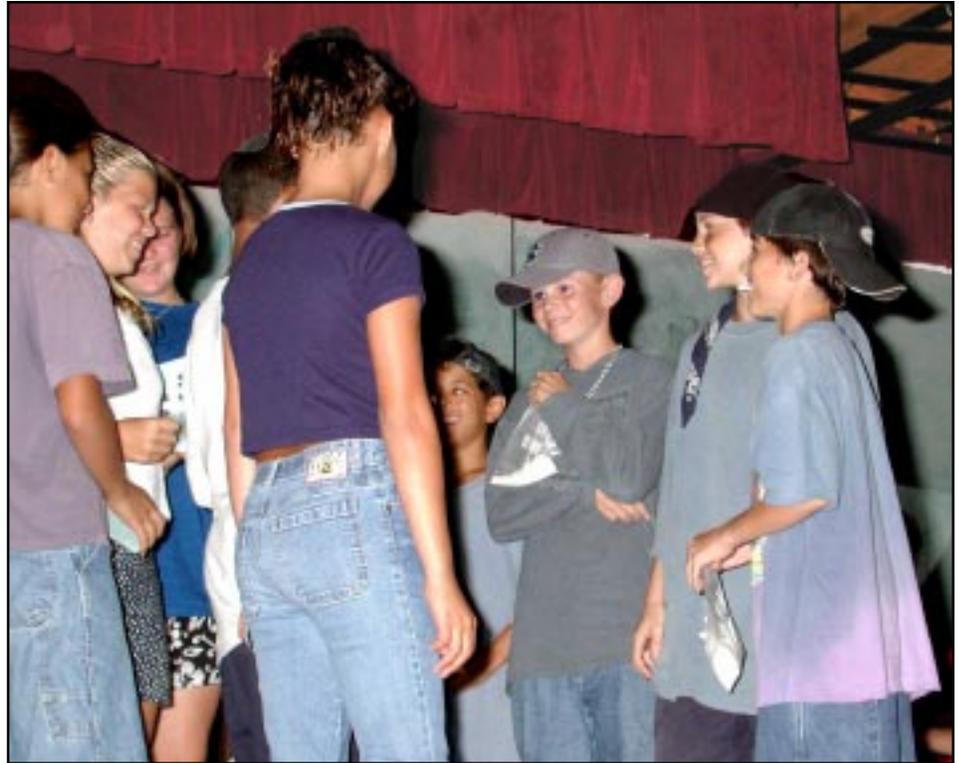
**Space Cowboys (PG-13, New Release)**

*Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.*

**The Contender (R, New Release)**

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.*

**What's playing?  
Call the Movie Hotline, 52700.**



Sixth-grader Andy L'Esperance, center, portrays a drug dealer in a skit Friday evening at the CRC for D.A.R.E. graduation. The skit portrayed how young people can avoid getting involved in drugs. *(Photo by Jim Bennett)*

**Students pledge to resist drugs, violence**

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

After 17 weeks of coursework, the graduates depicted a drug buy and vowed to remain drug and violence free during commencement exercises Friday night at the CRC.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education graduates came from Kwajalein Elementary School's sixth-grade, and the course from the Kwajalein Police Department.

D.A.R.E. covers what drugs are, what kind of pressures kids face growing up and how violence occurs and how to avoid it, said KPD Sgt. Roger Reed. Reed taught the class with the help of sixth-grade teachers Gina Bennett, Janet Corbin (who took over for Bennett after she left island on a medical leave), Jennifer Keck and Lynn Kortz.

"The first day I learned so much *(See D.A.R.E., page 4)*

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** East-northeast at 12 to 16 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny with a slight chance of showers.  
**Winds:** East-northeast at 12 to 16 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 79°  
Tomorrow's high 85°  
**March rain total:** 0.36"  
**Annual rain total:** 5.64"  
**Annual deviation:** -2.81"  
*Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.*

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday March 6	0701/1900	1532/0329	0208, 3.7' 1416, 5.0'	0748, 1.9' 2055, 1.1'
Sunday March 7	0700/1900	1635/0430	0258, 4.3' 1505, 5.6'	0845, 1.3' 2135, 0.6'
Monday March 8	0700/1900	1737/0528 <b>Full Moon</b>	0338, 4.8' 1547, 6.0'	0930, 0.8' 2210, 0.2'
Tuesday March 9	0659/1900	1837/0623	0414, 5.3' 1625, 6.2'	1011, 0.4' 2244, 0.0'