

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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## IFT operation set for July 15

From U.S. Department of Defense

As part of the Defense Department's ongoing research and development effort for missile defense, the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization will conduct a flight test to include the planned intercept of a long-range ballistic missile target on Sunday (local time).

The test will involve the launch of a Multi-Service Launch System from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The MSLS, a modified Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missile, will carry a mock warhead and a single decoy. About 20 minutes after the MSLS is launched, and about 4,800 miles away, a prototype interceptor missile carrying a prototype exoatmospheric kill vehicle will launch from the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site.

About 10 minutes later the intercept should take place at an altitude of approximately 140

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miles above the central Pacific Ocean during the midcourse phase of the target warhead's flight.

This will be an integrated system test, with all representative system elements participating: space-based missile warning sensor; ground-based early warning radar; the prototype X-Band radar at Kwajalein; and the battle management, command, control and communications system located at the Joint National Test Facility in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Since the system is in its research and development phase, these elements serve as either prototypes or surrogates for system elements which are in the developmental stage and have not yet been produced for actual operational use.

This will be the fourth intercept test of the Midcourse Defense Segment (formerly National Missile Defense) research and development program. The first test on Oct. 3, 1999 resulted in the successful intercept of a ballistic missile target. The second test took place on Jan. 19, 2000 and did not achieve an intercept due to a clogged cooling pipe on the EKV, but did successfully test the integrated system of elements. The third test, on July 8, 2000, did not result in an intercept due to the failure of the EKV to separate from the booster rocket.



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Randy Kiluwe, left, and Asmond Arelong stake down a tent last Tuesday for the Fourth of July festivities at Emon Beach. Arelong, Thompson Tarwoj and Ned Choban make up the Community Activities Customer Service team. The trio do everything from maintaining ball fields to preparing for all the major events on island.

### Nailing it down

## Community Activities team works long hours to get the job(s) done

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

Thompson Tarwoj lifts the sledge hammer like it's a baseball bat, stepping up to the tent spike as if preparing for an at-bat against Pedro Martinez.

Whack. Whack. Whack. And then again and again at each spike. It's mid-morning at Emon Beach, but thankfully a thick cover of clouds hides the equatorial sun, releasing a few sprinkles of rain to keep the 31-year-old worker and the other Marshallese employees working outside relatively cool.

But rain or shine, the guys on the Community Activities Customer Service Team have a job to do and not a whole lot of time to finish it. One of the biggest events of the year, the Fourth of July bash, is tomorrow.

"We get wet, we get dry and we keep

working," said Tarwoj stoically, showing his characteristic grin.

Tarwoj is the team coordinator. When not putting his broad shoulders and thickly muscled arms to work, he's surveying the job site through dark safety glasses, speaking in Marshallese to support personnel through a walkie-talkie.

Tarwoj has worked for Community Activities since 1993, receiving several promotions and raises over the years, according to Simone Smead, Community Activities manager. He took over his current position in 1999.

"I like my job because I have a good boss, good people and good friends," Tarwoj said.

"When I first got a job here, I was the janitor," he said, adding that he's always

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Editorial

# Cancer support group exists to help ease isolation

Crossing gender, age, educational, economic and political lines, cancer never discriminates. Barriers rise when a diagnosis occurs. I know, because when my 44-year-old husband Ken received a diagnosis of colorectal cancer, giving him only two weeks to live, our relationships with others changed. Sharing the devastating news with friends, many stopped calling altogether or they treated us warily, as if they could catch cancer from us. Feeling alone, our family built walls against most of the outside world.

We were definitely not alone. Based on statistics from the American Cancer Society, approximately 13 million new cancer cases have been diagnosed in the U.S. since 1990 — those who do not get cancer probably know or are related to someone who has or will.

Connecting to other people and families facing cancer, even after remission, is very important, said Julie Fair, Kwajalein Cancer Support Group co-coordinator.

The group meets every four to six weeks and the "meeting is safe and non-judgmental — for individuals, families, survivors, anyone dealing with any type of cancer," Fair said.

Ten years ago, Beverly Schmidt said her doctor got angry and threw the Reach for Life people out of the hospital when they came to talk to her right after her



breast cancer surgery.

"He said that I didn't have cancer," Schmidt said. "Because I already had my surgery he didn't even want me to think I had cancer. I guess I was supposed to pretend I didn't have it."

After she left the hospital, she did meet with the Reach for Life people who gave her vital information and someone to talk to. Schmidt soon found her own small support group.

"I had a friend who was diagnosed shortly after I was," Schmidt said. "So, between the two of us, we kind of supported each other. My friend did a lot of research, and got involved in the ACS."

When cancer strikes, a feeling of helplessness or lack of control hits. Talking about cancer, how it affects you or your loved ones and finding out as much as you can about the disease gives back a sense of control.

At first, neither Schmidt nor I told others about our experiences with cancer.

"I used to be secretive about my disease," Schmidt said. "A young girl in my office was diagnosed with breast cancer and it devastated her. I sat down with her and told her that I was still alive after seven years and what would happen to her step by step. When I left that meeting, I never felt better and decided to talk about it."

Ken lived for three more years after the original diagnosis. Before he died, we started urging family and friends to get the colonoscopy test. It is not fun, but it can detect colorectal cancer while it is still curable.

A local support group is a great idea because it is hard to talk about the disease to people not personally connected to a cancer diagnosis. Information on breakthroughs in detection and treatment is also available through support groups.

Cancer changed my life, it changed Schmidt's life and everyday the dreaded diagnosis changes lives all over the world.

"Once you've had cancer, you have cancer for the rest of your life," Schmidt said. "Whether you're in remission or not — everyday of your life you wake up and wonder is today the day it's going to come back. It's never gone."

It is also never gone because genetically our children and relatives may be predisposed to the same cancer. I worry

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### The Kwajalein Hourglass

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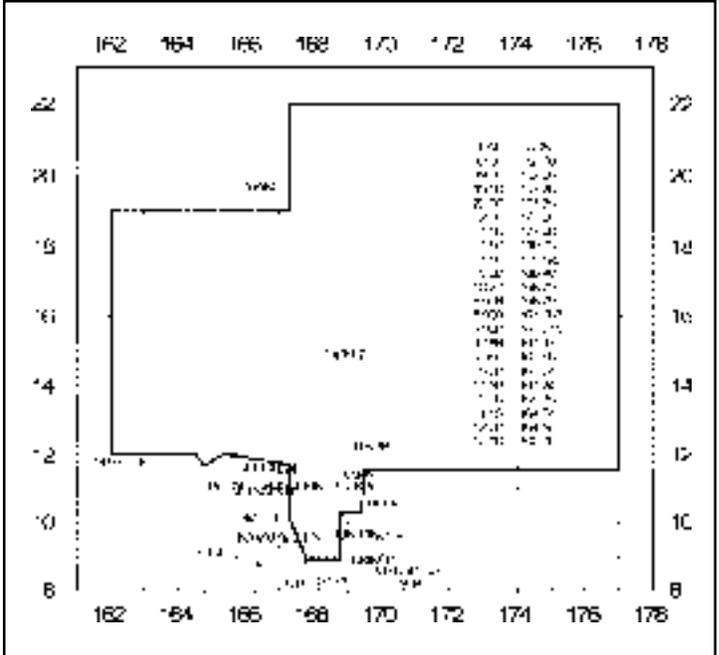
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## Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma







IFT-6 requires caution areas within (map above) and outside (map at right) Kwajalein Atoll.

# Range operation scheduled for Sunday

## From Command Safety Office

A range operation is scheduled for Sunday, July 15. Caution times are 12:31 p.m. through 8:30 p.m.

In conjunction with this operation, a caution area will exist within Kwajalein Atoll, defined by the area bounded on the north by Boked Island on the east reef and Yabbermohr Island on the west reef, and bounded on the south by a line drawn north of Bigej Island on the east reef to a point at latitude 08 54.2N, longitude 167 45.8E, then to a point at latitude 08 52.8N, longitude 167 45.8E, and then to a point north of the high tide mark on Nimmi Island on the west reef.

Bigej Island, including the inner reef, is specifically excluded and is not a part of the mid-atoll corridor. An additional caution area extending from Kwajalein Atoll north into the broad ocean area is defined in the map at top right.

In order to ensure clearance of non-mission support personnel from the mid-atoll corridor by the window opening time, Kwajalein po-

lice island clearance procedures will begin at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, and continue until evacuation has been accomplished. Egress of all air and seacraft will be required when requested by authorized clearance personnel. Subsequent to lagoon clearance, the hazard area will be in effect until mission completion.

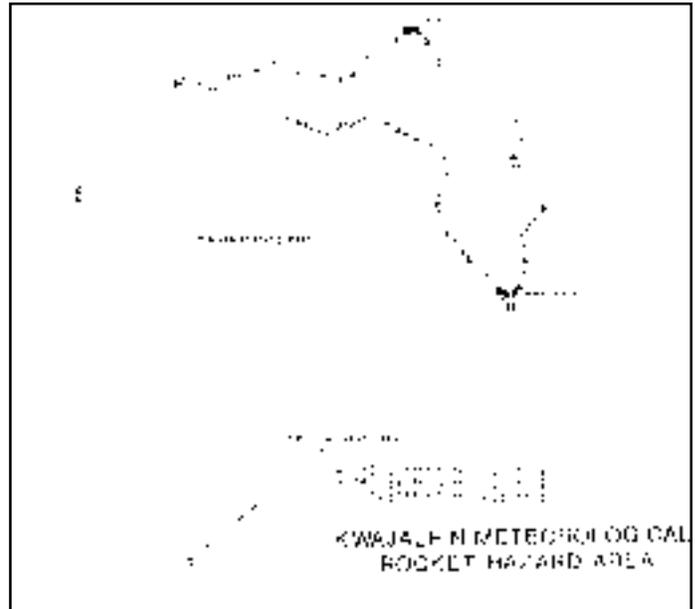
In conjunction with this operation, a Kwajalein met rocket is scheduled as soon as possible after the launch from Meck Island on July 15. The caution areas are identified on the

maps below.

In the event of a mission slip, the caution times and areas will be in effect for the following days:

- 12:31 p.m. Monday, July 16, through 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 16.
- 12:31 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, through 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to the Command Safety Office, range safety officer, 51361.



The hazard and caution areas for the met rocket launch are above.

## Community Activities guys hammer away day after day ...



(Photos by Peter Rejcek)

**Above: Thompson Tarwoj, who has worked at Community Activities for about nine years, hammers down a tent spike last Tuesday in preparation for the Fourth of July celebration at Emon Beach.**

**Right: Ned Choban moves a barricade to cut off bicycle traffic at Emon Beach for the Fourth of July event.**



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looking to improve and learn all he can on the job. Tarwoj is also motivated off the job, bringing a computer home to Ebeye, where after work, oftentimes after 7 p.m., he works on improving his computer skills.

"I use initiative when I work ... When I work, I learn," he said.

All three members of the team are similarly motivated, according to Steve Snider, Community Activities superintendent of Entertainment Services. Snider works closely with Tarwoj, Asmond Arelong and Ned Choban on a day-to-day basis, as well as on the many special events held throughout the year — like Christmas, Halloween and New Year's.

"We couldn't do our job without them. They fill a void that nobody else can," Snider said. "They do it with a smile on their face and a tremendous amount of energy."

What do they do? An incomplete list might include: Maintaining the ball fields; buffing the floors at the CRC gym; moving equipment; landscaping; building the Marshall Islands' biggest haunted house; assembling and disassembling 20-foot by 40-foot tents; custodial duties; creating a makeshift wrestling ring; and ... well, you get the idea. Maybe the best phrase to describe what they do is "behind the scenes."

"It's hard to fit somebody into this position, because they wear so many hats," Snider observed. "They do a lot for Community Activities, but [they] touch a lot of other departments, as well."

Arelong, who has worked for Community Activities for about six years over two separate stints, said he enjoys the customer service aspect of the job.

"I like working with the people," he said, adding, "Getting everything set up is fun."

The versatility that the job offers is attractive to Choban, who has worked for the department for more than four years after moving to Ebeye from Namu.

"I like doing different things," Choban said.

On big jobs, such as last week's party at Emon Beach, the team is supplemented by workers from other branches of Community Activities, such as the golf course and CRC. But many times it's just Tarwoj, Arlong and Choban humping to get the job done — rain or shine — as many as six or seven days a week.

And they're almost always smiling — and hitting home runs in their own way.

## 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.**

**SECRETARY, Education Dept.** Full time. Responsible for maintaining attendance and records, preparing correspondence and assisting the teaching staff. Must have knowledge of Windows, MS Word and databases. Selected individual will be required to undergo a criminal history background check.

**OFFICE COORDINATOR, Optics Dept.** Temporary, full or part time. Temporary office help needed July 20-Sept. 14. Duties include general clerical and office work, timecard processing and answering phones. Knowledge of Microsoft Office a plus.

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

**WANTED**

**FIREWORKS PICTURES** for Hawaii Explosives and Pyrotechnics Inc. Print or digital. Contact Tony Galimba by mail, RR 3, Box 1235, Pahoa, HI, 96778; or by e-mail at alliauto@msn.com.

**SMALL REFRIGERATOR.** Call Dale, 52609.

**LOST**

**PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES,** black plas-

tic frames, black lenses in green Lens Crafter case, July 5-6. Call Gwyne, 54224 or 53721.

**OLIVE GREEN backpack** at Emon Beach, July 4. Call 53571.

**BROWN JANSPORT backpack.** Call James, 53545.

**BLACK PENTAX camera and black Ambico camera case,** May 16, at Ed and Amy's Emon PCS party. Call Andy, 51192H or 53773W.

**FOUND**

**20" GIRLS BIKE,** pink and white, behind Bunker Hill. Call 54991H or 53461W.

**FOR SALE**

**BEDSTEAD,** unfinished wood, sleep on top, storage below, \$25; two 6' x 2' mirrors, \$10 each. Call 58222, after 4 p.m.

**LADIES KWAJ-condition bike with basket,** \$15; GEDVD player with remote, six months old, \$140. Call 51751.

**CHILDS KWAJ-condition bike,** \$5; exercise trampoline, \$8; two adult Kwaj-condition bikes, \$20 each; vertical blinds for new housing patio doors, \$20. Call 53489.

**PANASONIC LASER disc player,** Epson color printer. Call Dale, 52609.

**TWO BRAND new Outreach Magna 12-speed bikes,** one purple, one red. Call 54691.

**RECLINING three-cushion couch,** blue, \$300; bunk bed, \$200; living room lamps, white, \$30/pair; queen futon frame, \$150; aging futon, \$25; bedding, \$20; plywood bookshelf, \$5; metal shelves, \$10; end table, \$4; TV stand, \$35; stereo micro stand, \$15; rattan shelf, \$3; end table/cabinet, \$20; rugs, \$5; pony bottle, \$40. Call Sue, 52837.

**CRATE ELECTRIC guitar,** red, with Crate amplifier and carrying case, great for beginners, \$350. Call 51192, after 5 p.m.

**17" EVERVIEW computer color monitor,** \$100; computer chair, \$20; Closetmaid 3' shelving, easy to install, \$5 each. Call 52421.

**BOOK SHELF,** \$10; shelves for new housing utility room, \$40; Sony tape/CD player, \$30; The Math Game, \$15; The Phone Game, \$15; steak knife set, \$5; Berber rug, 9' 1" x 11' 10", \$25. Call 52439 or 56030.

**GRACO PORTABLE crib,** \$45; high chair, \$45; handheld Dirt Devil, \$20. Call 54530.

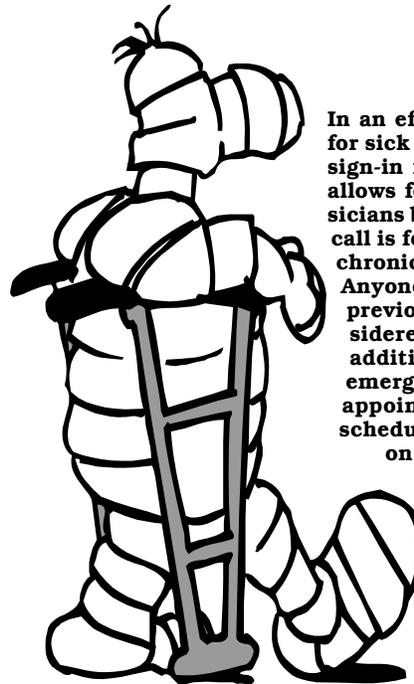
**LARGE ENTERTAINMENT center,** blond wood, black with smoked glass doors, very good condition, \$150. Call Richard or Leah, 54252.

**SONY VCR,** \$35; rotisserie plus, \$35; computer setup: 166 Mhz Pentium CPU, 32 MB RAM, 2.1 GB disk modem, with software, 15" monitor, \$200; video tapes. Call 53659.

**We need you!**

If you're detail-oriented, have computer skills ranging from basic to advanced and are able to solve problems, we want you to join our new **Raytheon After Hours Team.** The **Raytheon After Hours Team** is seeking hard-working, enthusiastic employees to work with our devoted Supply Department in its continuing effort to provide Kwajalein with an accurate, dependable supply and ordering system. We are seeking candidates to help with data analysis, management and input.

For those Kwaj residents working full time who are looking to make a little extra money we offer flexible evening and weekend hours. For those Kwaj residents who are taking time off from the full-time work world, we offer flexible day, evening or weekend hours for those willing to work part time. Training will begin in mid-July, and the project will continue through the end of the year. Visiting college students, stay-at-home parents and full-time employees are all encouraged to apply at the Raytheon HRO office.

**What time is sick call?****We're glad you asked!**

**In an effort to better serve the community, hours for sick call will be adjusted. Starting immediately, sign-in for sick call is 7:30-9:30 a.m. This change allows for more physician appointment time. Physicians begin seeing sick call patients at 8 a.m. Sick call is for acute problems. Patients with ongoing or chronic problems should make an appointment. Anyone who comes in after 9:30 a.m. without a previously scheduled appointment will be considered an emergency and will be charged an additional walk-in fee. If the complaint is not an emergency, the patient will be asked to make an appointment. Every attempt will be made to schedule appointments in a timely manner based on severity of illness and individual needs. Sick call is available to the public Tuesday-Saturday, excluding holidays. All-day sick call after a three-day holiday weekend will continue with no additional walk-in charge. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 52223 or 52224.**

**Classified Ads and Community Notices**



**SCUBA CLUB**  
meeting is tomorrow,  
**7 p.m., in CRC Room 6**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ORTHODONTIST** will be on island July 24-25. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 a.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

**KWAJALEIN FAMILY History Center** will be open Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m., for the summer. The center offers access to CDs, microfilm and computer resources to help you find your ancestors. For an appointment, call 53140.

**ISLAND MAMMOGRAPHY** resumes Wednesday, July 18 (note date change). Kwajalein's prior medical imaging technologist, Cindy Kapahu, joins our newly recruited technologist, Nancy Barge, to provide mammography services. Mammography is recommended: Every 1-2 years for women between 40 and 50 years old; every year for women 50 years and older; beginning at 35 years old for high-risk women (family history of mother or sister with pre-menopausal breast cancer). To make an appointment, call 53522.

**SELF HELP** tools should be brought in out of the weather so they will last longer. Weedeaters are now a one-day rental and must be returned the following day. Tools should be cleaned of dirt and grass before being returned.

**LAWNMOWERS** need to be placed at the curb or roadside every morning for pickup. If you see a mower that has not been picked up, call Self Help, 54990. Lawnmower pickup is 8-10 a.m.; lawnmower delivery is 12:30-2:30 p.m.

**DO YOU WANT TO STOP DRINKING?** We can help. Alcoholics Anonymous meets two times a week in Building 932, Kwajalein: Tuesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. Call 51143 and leave a message for information or help. We *will* call you back.

**ALCOHOLICS Anonymous** meets on Roi-Namur at Tr. 8311, Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m. (note time change). If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 56292 to leave a message. We *will* get back to you.

**This week  
at  
Gilligan's**

**Friday**  
DJ Chris Eskew  
plays your  
favorite music,  
8-11 p.m.

**Saturday**  
DJ Rich Feagler  
spins the hits and  
keeps you dancing,  
8 p.m.-2 a.m.

**Sunday**  
DJ Tom Roko  
plays the best reggae,  
8 p.m.-1 a.m.

**Dart tournament results**  
1st: Roger Reed/Malcolm Gowans  
2nd: Eric Thompson/Thomas Easley  
3rd: Patrick Fenko/Andy Blank



**THIS IS NOT AN EXERCISE**

**USAKA** has initiated **THREATCON BRAVO**. Refer to your telephone book for complete listing of **THREATCON** measures.

Be aware of your surroundings. Report suspicious activity to the Kwajalein Police Department, 54445/54446.

**THREATCON BRAVO** is the **THIRD** stage in the **THREATCON** system that heightens alert for terrorist activities.

**THREATCON CHARLIE** may be implemented if needed.

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Pure Country (PG, 1992)**

A country music superstar tires of the big stadium extravaganzas, and begins to yearn for the days when it was just him and his acoustic guitar. His journey of self-reflection takes him to his grandma's porch to a pretty cowgirl's ranch, where he pays money to learn how to rope and bed down like a real ranch hand. (George Strait, Lesley Ann Warren, Isabel Glasser) (112 minutes)  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

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

Jerry Welbach is an inept criminal who is sent to Mexico to retrieve a rare pistol on behalf of a ruthless crime lord. His girlfriend is upset about his penchant for crime and breaks up with him, heading to Las Vegas while he is away. While Jerry is blowing the caper, his girlfriend is kidnapped by a kindly hitman to ensure Jerry returns with the goods. (Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, James Gandolfini) (123 minutes)  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.*

**Chocolat (PG-13, New Release)**

One windy Sunday morning a woman and her daughter arrive at a 1950s French village. At first, everyone welcomes Vianne and Anouk Rochon to town, until they learn this unmarried woman, who doesn't even attend church, plans to open a chocolate shop during Lent. The pious mayor calls for an all-out war, but Vianne soon begins to win over the people with her sweet disposition and delicious chocolate. (Juliette Binoche, Johnny Depp, Alfred Molina) (120 minutes)  
*Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.*

**Sunday**

**Chocolat (PG-13, New Release)**

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

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

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

**Pure Country (PG, 1992)**

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

**Monday**

**Pure Country (PG, 1992)**

*Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.*

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

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.*



(Photo by KW Hillis)

**Hobby Shop coordinator David Boyd, center, gives safety and use tips about the table saw to Uvaldo Ordonez, left, and Art Ottman, both TPS-X technicians, Saturday afternoon at the Hobby Shop.**

## Hobby Shop taking shape under Boyd

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

Working at the Hobby Shop is no hobby for David Boyd. It's his job.

Boyd has been at the Hobby Shop almost every day since he arrived on island in January. The facility, especially the woodworking shop, is taking on a cleaner, sharper and safer look under the new coordinator, who has several patents to his name.

The blades on the machines have been sharpened, safety equipment has been replaced and the shop has been cleaned, accord-

ing to Boyd.

"Things are changing," he said.

People who know how to use the woodworking machines, kiln or other tools are welcome to use them, providing they use all the required safety equipment, he said.

For those who don't have any experience, Boyd said he will go out to the community and ask skilled woodworkers and other artisans to teach classes.

These classes will be offered to the entire community. Look for information on the roller and in the *Hourglass*, Boyd said.

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



**Tonight:** Partly to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers.  
**Winds:** East-northeast to east-southeast at 5 to 10 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Tomorrow:** Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers.  
**Winds:** Southeast to south at 5 to 10 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 77°  
Tomorrow's high 86°  
**July rain total:** 3.99"  
**Annual rain total:** 21.88"  
**Annual deviation:** -20.19"  
*Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.*

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday July 10	0636/1912	2241/1002	0642, 5.3' 1908, 4.2'	0020, 1.3' 1310, 1.2'
Wednesday July 11	0637/1912	2320/1048	0715, 5.0' 1947, 4.1'	0055, 1.6' 1345, 1.4'
Thursday July 12	0637/1912	2359/1132	0753, 4.7' 2033, 4.0'	0135, 1.8' 1424, 1.6'
Friday July 13	0637/1912	/1217	0837, 4.3' 2132, 3.9'	0222, 2.1' 1511, 1.8'