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## Back to School

### Student enrollment continues to decline

By Barbara Johnson  
Feature Writer

It may seem like summer vacation just started, but Thursday the bell rings in the first day of the 2002-2003 school year. And, again, fewer students will hear that bell ring.

Enrollment at both the elementary and junior/senior high schools has declined again this year.

About 385 students will begin school this week, down from a total of 432 last August, according to Karen Ammann, superintendent of schools. Last year, enrollment was also down compared to the previous year's 480, making a two-year decline of almost 100 students districtwide.

The district also has seven fewer teachers this year, and, compared to last year's group of 10 new teachers, this year's list is considerably

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(Photo by  
CJ Johnson)

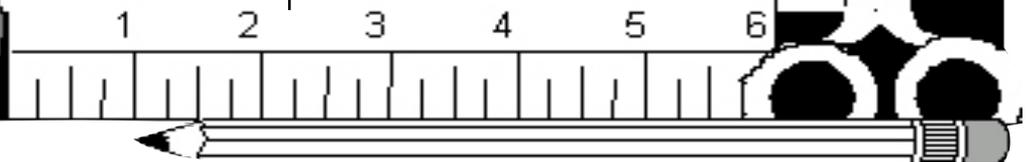
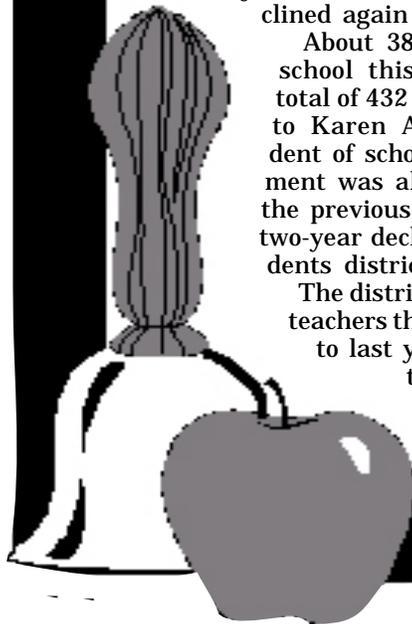
Carrie West, left, and Victor Loredo enjoy a picture book at the Child Development Center last week.

## School-Age Services keep kids busy year round

By Barbara Johnson  
Feature Writer

School-Age Services, or Kwaj Kids' Club, added something new this summer. Under the guidance of lead teacher Sonya Sava, the Clubhouse kids could be seen several days each week around the island, helping make it a better, and cleaner,

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## Ground finally broken on new cold storage warehouse building

By Jim Bennett and CJ Johnson  
Hourglass Staff

Over 15 years of work came to its fulfillment Friday morning as officials broke ground on a \$9.5 million cold storage warehouse on Kwajalein.

Initially approved by Congress for the 1992 fiscal year, it subsequently became unfunded. It was again approved by Congress and this time survived funding cuts for the 2002 fiscal year.

"The project has come a long way

since 1992," said Rodney Leong, program and project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District. That's when Leong and USAKA staff began the long process of approval and design that culminated with an award in April.

"For the past ten years, the USAKA DPW [Directorate of Public Works] and Honolulu Engineer District staffs worked hard to bring this project to fruition," said Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA

commander. "I congratulate the two staffs in their persistent pursuit to make this project happen."

"It required great teamwork and we're looking forward to working with Dick Pacific again," Leong said.

The Dick Pacific Construction Co. out of Guam will build the new cold storage warehouse and demolish the three dilapidated buildings it will replace. Work should be completed by

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Editorial

# Illegal transport of goods hurts local economy most

Beauregard and Latao have certainly inspired some dialogue! However, one character is missing, and that surprises me since he is in the center of the conflict. It's time to meet Lakuj, a small businessman on Ebeye. Let's listen to his side of the story, since he is the one most affected by the illegal entry of low-priced merchandise from Kwaj.

Lakuj and his family have sacrificed for many years to accumulate a small bankroll to start a business of their own. By opening a store they have helped the local economy in many ways. They pay rent, which supports the landlord and his family; they pay for power, which supports the utility company and its staff; they hire employees, who now pay taxes and can support their families; and they import

merchandise on which they pay import taxes to help support government services.

How do you think Lakuj feels when he sees a Kwaj worker bringing home a piece of merchandise that he stocks in his own store? How do you think his workers feel when they know their jobs depend on sales to their customers? How can Lakuj compete with subsidized merchandise from Kwaj when he has to pay rent and utilities, besides making a decent profit to provide for his family?

Lakuj is very confused. He knows the economy cannot grow if everyone is a fisherman or a maker of local handicrafts. The economy must be diversified, and the small businessman is the backbone of

capitalism. He is trying to emulate the American success story, but it is difficult when his own friends do not understand why they should not be allowed to buy subsidized merchandise from Kwaj. It would be nice if someone would explain to them how important it is to support the local economy if there is to be any growth in the future.

Lakuj is wondering why he has been forgotten in the dialogue. He plays an important role in the local economy, but no one seems to understand this. How can a great nation that has built its economy on the capitalist system not recognize his worth and understand his plight? He is waiting for an answer.

**"Lakuj"**  
a.k.a. Carol Sword

## Want to voice an opinion?

If you have a communitywide issue to raise and no other outlet, perhaps you should write a letter to the editor. Keep your verbage to less than 300 words, and keep your comments to the issues. This would be a no-libel zone. Letters must be signed. We will edit for AP Style and, if you exceed the word limit, space. Please limit yourself to one letter every 30 days, to give other readers a chance to write.

Send your letter to:  
The Hourglass, P.O. Box 23, Local; or  
jbennett@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil.

## First day of school means a return to the cycle

The beginning of school always strikes me as one of those events of the year that keep other events in line, even for those of us who are long past attending K-12.

"You remember that meeting. It was around the beginning of school last year."

It's also one of those mile markers in time, like Jan. 1, where new things seem possible.

"By the end of the school year, I will ..."  
For kids today, it's the end of their summer fun and the return to their "jobs,"

so to speak.

Those who have been off-island return from annual leaves, and new kids arrive with new families, all part of the Kwaj cycle of events.

With the kids out in force again, at least one or two folks have asked me to remind ya'll to be careful out there. Kids, please watch where you're going. Adults, please watch out for the kiddos, especially your own.

**Jim Bennett**  
Editor

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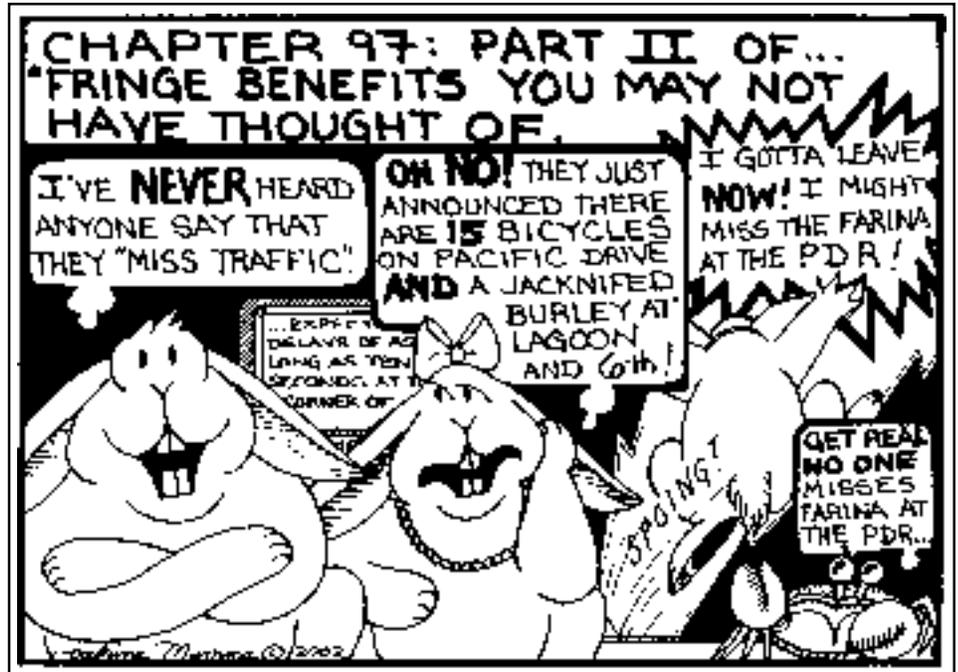
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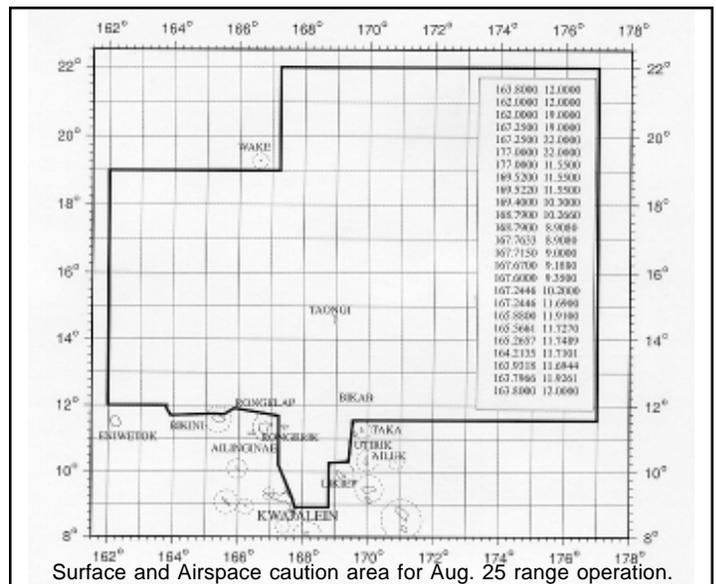
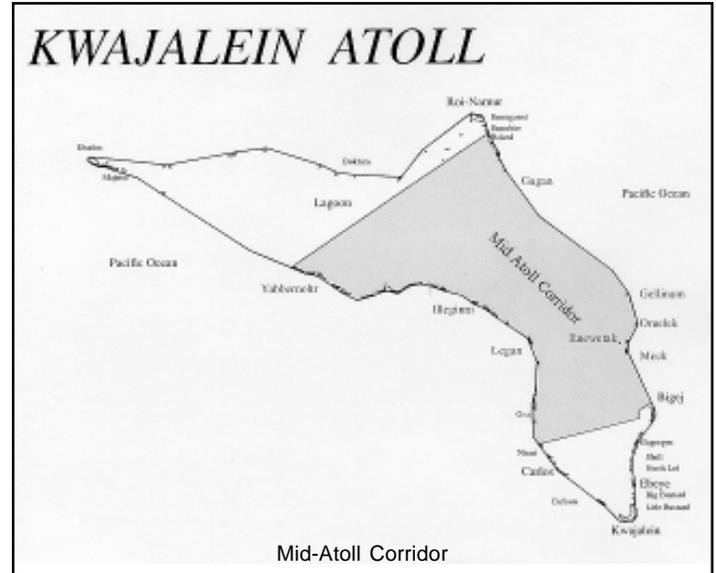
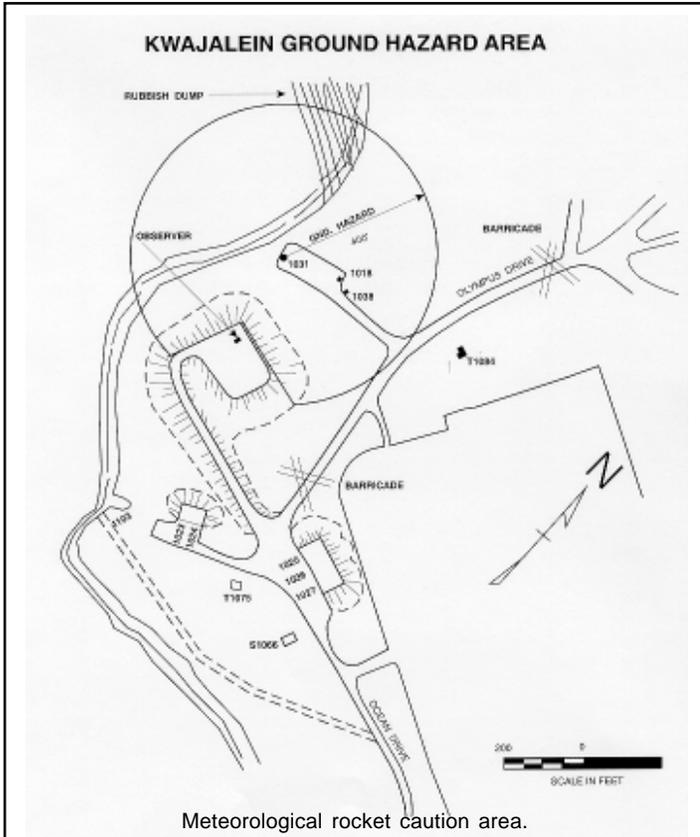
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## Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma





## Range operation Aug. 25

### From the Command Safety Office

A range operation is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 25. Caution times are 12:01 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 Yabbernohr 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 Ninni Island on the west reef. See map at top right.

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 on the map at center right.

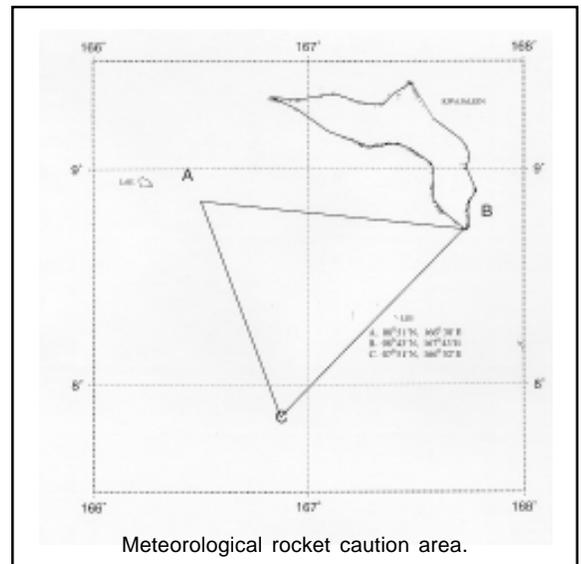
In order to ensure clearance of non-mission support personnel from the mid-atoll corridor by the window opening time, Kwajalein Police Department island clearance procedures will begin at approximately 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, and continue until evacuation has been accomplished. Egress of all air and sea craft 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 Sunday, Aug. 25. For caution areas, see maps above at left and bottom at right.

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

- 12:01 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26.
- 12:01 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to the Command Safety Office, range safety officer, 51910.



## Rockett ready to launch into school year as only new teacher

By Barbara Johnson  
Feature Writer

With a last name like Rockett, teaching science at Kwaj sounds like a good fit. Phyllis Rockett, the only new teacher this year, at both the elementary and high schools, landed on island last week. She is the new junior/senior high computer and earth science teacher.

Rockett is pretty used to the drill; this is her third overseas tour, the first two being Sofia, Bulgaria, and Bahrain.

"I like the adventure of being in different cultures, seeing the world," Rockett said.

Originally from Texas, Rockett has taught secondary education for 12 years and was drawn to Kwaj because of the opportunity to teach internationally, as well as the Pacific and marine life, she said.

"I enjoy international, 'expat' living," Rockett said, adding there's a camaraderie between people pooled together and living in a different place.

Rockett says she loves outdoor sports. She got her scuba certification in Bahrain and wants to learn to sail while here. She said she'll also enjoy

learning about the Marshallese. From Internet research she did before coming here, she finds them to be a "quite special and unique people."

She said Kwaj reminds her of Bahrain. "It was an island, with island life."



(Photo by Barbara Johnson)

**Phyllis Rockett is the only new teacher hired for either the elementary or junior/senior high schools.**

Rockett worked and lived with a small community there too, although her school had British, Canadian and American teachers.

In Bulgaria, where she taught at an international school from 1994-96, Rockett said she learned patience and

to live with limited resources, with the electricity going on and off and limited water.

"Education has taken me a long way, mentally, physically and spiritually," she said.

Just before coming to Kwaj, Rockett was teaching computer classes at Valencia Community College in Orlando, Fla., while also earning a master's degree in computer resources and information technology.

At the junior/senior high school she will teach Introduction to Computers, Earth Science 7 and AP computers.

Her advice to students: "Set goals that are worthy of your commitment." Her own goal is to "do a good job every day, day by day, 110 percent."

### Child Development Center

Child Development Center has two new teachers this year. Jennifer Wells, who will teach 4- and 5-year-olds, is from LaGrande, Ore. She just finished her master's degree in early childhood education. Wells will co-teach with Sonya Sava.

Melissa Brown will teach 2½- and 3-year-olds. She taught preschool in Eden Prairie, Minn., before coming to Kwaj.

## Kids' club focuses on community service during summer ...

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place.

"I wanted to focus on community service," said Sava, who arrived on island in February.

"Every week we pick up litter at the community garden," she said, explaining they picked up leaves where the gravel is, weeded and even planted some corn and melons early in the summer.

Also as a community service, SAS kids cleaned up a different area of the island each week on Friday afternoons and went to the Child Development Center on Thursday mornings, where they read one-on-one with a reading buddy.

Sava, who taught second grade in Arkansas, said reading to the CDC keeps students' reading skills up over the summer, as well as building their confidence.

For the Friday island cleanup, the group chose a different area each week, but they liked to go to the "glass beach" behind the CRC, the area around the hospital and near the Yuk theater, Sava said.

"They really get into the litter thing," she said.

And, as another community service project, they helped count Campbell Soup labels for Ebeye schools.

The SAS summer program runs all day for children from 6 years old to about 10, Sava said.

Kids come for all day, but they may leave to attend Summer Fun, for example, she said.

During the school year, the SAS program is open before

and after school, also for students from first through sixth grade. The hours are 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:20 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The program is limited to 18 children at a time, although numbers are usually 12 to 15, Sava said. They also offer drop-in services for children who are registered.

Registration is by signing up at the CDC, and fees are based on a sliding scale, said Ann McCoy, assistant director of childcare services and training and curriculum specialist. Although sign-up is through the CDC, "we are a separate entity," she said.

Both the Child Development Center and School-Age Services programs fall under the Army Child and Youth Services Program, McCoy said.

Sava plans to continue some of the summer innovations during the before- and after-school program, for example, the community service projects, although time is more limited, she said.

During the school year, students have a choice of doing homework, a planned group activity, such as a play, or free time with many of the activities and computer provided in the center.

"Kids have choices if they don't want to participate in something," she said.

Sava said the group is very creative. For example, they built an elaborate castle out of some boxes she brought in.

"The kids come up with some wonderful ideas," she said.

## Construction could impact traffic, utilities ...

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December 2003.

"Every job, we try to raise the bar for our performance," said Dave Smith, project manager for Dick Pacific. The contractor most recently worked at Kwajalein Atoll, building two Ground-Based Interceptor silos on Meck Island, and completing the project in July 2000.

Along with performance, time and budget, Smith stressed safety with the project.

"Our safety policy is zero accidents, and we attempt to have no safety issues for all our projects," Smith said. "That's our number one goal."

The project will bring in 20 to 25 workers from off-island for the life of the project and six specialists for a few months at a time, and employ six to eight local workforce, too, Smith said.

The construction at the corner of 8th Street and Marine Road will impact the community with its location between the Small Boat Marina and Macy's Warehouse, officials said.

"It's a congested site," said Lou Askew, resident engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "There's not a lot of room to construct the building."

Residents could see short-term utility outages on occasion as power and water are fed to the new building, but the contractor will notify the public via television and the newspaper prior to such impacts, Smith and Askew said.

Officials met for two days before the



Dave Smith talks during ground breaking ceremonies for the new cold storage warehouse. Seated are, from left, Lou Askew, Rodney Leong, and Col. Jerry Brown.

(Photo by Jim Bennett)

ground-breaking in a "facilitated partnering workshop," Askew said. The workshop was intended to bring the group together as a team in order to head off potential problems during the project.

"There are going to be problems," Askew said. "But you want to deal with the professionalism that everyone here brings to the table."

The new 22,000-square-foot warehouse boasts nearly triple the amount of current storage space with vertical racks. The new building will feature five chill rooms of varying temperatures to segregate various products, and will be large enough to allow forklifts to operate inside. Right now, cold storage personnel have to handle products by hand once they reach the loading docks because

there's no room for the forklifts or other machinery to operate.

"We have a good design, good contractors, and good construction office," Leong said.

There will also be two large freezer rooms, along with a freezer staging area off the loading dock that's completely enclosed. And for ice customers, there will be an ice dispensary available 24 hours a day.

The contract also includes \$1 million in repair work of three water tanks at the Water Treatment Plant. The water plant project involves repairing leaks to three water tanks, including the two tanks that contain potable water.

"I wish the team the best of luck," Brown said.

## *Ammann: Class size inches up, still below stateside averages ...*

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smaller, at only one new teacher, for high school science and computers.

The elementary school has two sections of all grades, kindergarten through six, except first grade, which still has three sections this year.

"We're still staffed well," Ammann said, adding, "In some cases classes will be larger, but they're still smaller than in most stateside schools."

Average class size is 13 to 15 students, Ammann said, although first-grade classes will be smaller because the grade level is broken into three sections instead of two.

Ammann attributes the decline in enrollment this year in part to the uncertainty about the new contract, which has caused some families to PCS, and the move by the contractor

of some jobs to unaccompanied positions.

The total enrollment breaks down to 177 students at the junior/senior high school and 208 students at the elementary school. Last year's enrollment was 199 and 233, respectively.

Three fewer teachers are at the elementary school and two fewer are at the junior/senior high. Also, the district is down one special education teacher and one librarian.

### **New curricula**

Kindergarten through 12th grade will work with the new math and reading curricula developed last year, Ammann said. The high school also has a new consumer science curriculum. New curricula to be developed this year are K-12 English and industrial arts for grades 7-12.

Instead of a new school improvement goal, the schools will spend the year doing self-evaluation in preparation for an on-site evaluation in fall 2003 by the North Central Association, which gives the schools accreditation, Ammann said.

She added that the schools will continue to implement and upgrade the goals they have set for the past three years: technology, writing and speaking.

"As the students get better, you change the goals slightly so you have higher expectations," she said.

### **Dates to remember**

Open house for grades one and two is Aug. 27; open house for grades three and four is Aug. 28; and open house for grades five and six is Aug. 29.

Back to School Night at the junior/senior high school is Aug. 30.

## 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, Jack Riordan, 54916, unless otherwise noted.**

**WAITPERSONS and BARTENDERS,** Yokwe Yuk Club. Part time/casual. Must be able to work flexible hours, including some Friday nights until midnight and some Saturday nights until 2:30 a.m. Both positions require friendly and efficient customer service and cash-handling skills. Previous experience in food and cocktail service preferred. For further information, call HR, 54916, or the Yokwe Yuk Club, 58909.

**IMAGING SERVICES COORDINATOR,** Kwajalein Hospital. Seeking a patient and records coordinator for the imaging department. Duties include interviewing and screening patients to coordinate appropriate imaging required by physician and performing general secretarial duties, including appointment scheduling, reception and billing. Strong computer, organizational and communication skills required. Previous medical office experience preferred, but not required.

**YOUTH NIGHT SUPERVISOR,** Community Activities. Part time. Looking for responsible and fun-loving adults to work two weekend nights or more per month at the Youth Center. Job duties include supervising youth, enforcing policies, coordinating various activities and keeping the center a hip place to be. A criminal history background check is required. Call Erika, 53331.

**SECURITY/DOCUMENT CONTROL SPECIALIST,** Raytheon Security Office. Seeking an administrative person with strong organizational and computer skills (Outlook, Word, Excel) to maintain security clearance records. Strong communication skills required for precise communication with employees, department management and government agencies. Selected applicant will undergo a National Agency check to obtain a secret-level security clearance.

**PIANO PLAYER,** Yuk Club. Casual for Thursday through Saturday evenings. Call Andrea, 58909.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT,** Dental Clinic. Casual. Criminal history background check required.

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

**U.S. Embassy in Majuro currently has the following job vacancies. Must be a U.S. citizen 21 years or older. Applications must be submitted on U.S. Form 171 available at the Embassy. For more information, call the Embassy, 692-247-4011 ext. 109.**

**POLITICAL ASSISTANT.** Closing date is Aug. 30.

**AIDE to the Embassy Executive Office.** Closing date is Aug. 30.

**COMPUTER MANAGEMENT and FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT.** Closing date is Aug. 30.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/MILITARY LIAISON and PROGRAM OFFICER.** Closing date for application is Aug. 30.

**WANTED**

**BOATHOUSE/COVER** for 23' boat. Call 52758.

**FULL-SIZE FREEZER.** Call Greg, 59019.

**BRING YOUR** extra vacation hotel soap and shampoo to Grace Sherwood Library. We will deliver them to workers who have a chance to shower on Kwaj before going back to Ebeye. Any excess will go to Ebeye Hospital.

**LOST**

**SILVER BRACELET** with round shell stones. Sentimental value. Call Vera, 52661.

**FOUND**

**8" ADAPTER CABLE,** probably from video recorder, near the beach behind CRC. Call 50227.

**GIVEAWAY**

**FIVE-DISC CD player,** broken, but repairable, optics need adjustment. Call Linda, 54624.

**FOR SALE**

**KITCHENAID mixer,** \$100; computer desk with drawers and upper storage, \$60; Panasonic 27" TV in cabinet, \$100; Kwaj-condition Burley, \$50; 40-gallon established aquarium with lots of extras, \$125. Call 52674.

**UNDERWATER VIDEO camera,** lights and housing, all accessories included, \$1,400 or best offer. Call Brad, 59313H or 54443W.

**PCS SALE.** Sofa with white slip covers, \$150; large entertainment center with lots of storage, \$350; patio table and four chairs, two sets, \$20 per set; large Rubbermaid storage container, \$75; two sets of golf clubs with bag and Bag Boy carts, \$50 each; light blue dishes, service for eight, \$30; VCR, \$10. Call 54690.

**CSI IN-WALL stereo speakers,** new, 8" x 12" x 3", 50 watts, \$100; Jenn-Air exhaust fan, new, paid \$100, will sell for \$50; portable CD player, new, paid \$112, will sell for \$70; Capiz shell lamp, new, \$30; Cloisonne ware: vases, ginger jars, bowls, plates, all in original boxes. Call 53640, before 8:30 p.m.

**FIVE BURGUNDY blinds,** 38" wide, \$15 each. Call 54152.

**CONVERTIBLE CAR SEAT,** infant to 40 lbs., with five-point restraint, \$15; Little Tykes toy chest with sliding doors and two shelves, \$15; ceiling fan with light fixture, includes wiring and wire conduit, \$20; booster seat, \$5. Call 54624.

**GLIDER/ROCKER** with sliding footstool, \$50; dehumidifier, \$40; denim crib bumper, \$10; two wrought iron curtain rods, \$20; two gigantic water guns, \$10 each; one-person hammock, \$10; two metal curtain rods, \$5 for both; two metal CD racks, \$5 each. Call 54210.

**TWO NAVY blue canvas and wood folding chairs,** excellent condition, \$30 for both. Call 52504.

**UNUSED CARPET** with pad, 12' x 27', light beige with light brown specks, \$100. Call 52775.

**WOODEN BABY GATE,** \$10. Call 51359.

**MEN'S ALUMINUM bike,** three-speed, high-rise handle bar, comfortable seat, suspension seat post, sealed cartridge bearings, aluminum fork, custom wheels, \$500. Call 53721.

**DACOR scuba equipment,** includes everything for dive except tank, \$650. Call Brian, 53483.

**MARES WRIST dive computer,** Atomic T2 regulator, triple-console, full suit, ScubaPro vest, fins, masks, \$600; HP CDR/CDRW external burner, M820 series,

with SCSI2 PCMCIA card and cable, with carrycase, \$200; Serial/USB converter, \$30; Kwaj bike, \$20; Trek aluminum bike, needs cables, \$50; Panasonic VCR, PV-V4621, \$90. Call 52553.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**GOLFERS:** Be aware of heavily laden coconut trees when standing around the greens or in the tee boxes. Don't stand under or lean on the trees. Questions? Call Bob, 53765.

**FALL SOFTBALL season runs Sept. 6-Oct. 18.** Team managers must bring team rosters and \$150 fee to the mandatory managers' meeting Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m., in the Community Activities conference room. If you are new on island and interested in playing, get on the free agent list by calling Community Activities, 53331. Questions? Call Scott, 53331.

**FALL SOFTBALL scorekeepers' and officials' meetings** are Sept. 4 in the Community Activities conference room. Scorekeepers' meeting is 5:30 p.m. Officials' meeting is 6:30 p.m. Questions? Call Scott, 53331.

**DUE TO mission considerations,** laundry is not allowed through the Dock Security Checkpoint until further notice.

**Kin kemelmel Mijel ko an USAKA/RTS,** jino jen Sunday/August 18, 2002, enaj bwojrak kwalkwol nukuk ion Kwajalein mae len ejemlok kemelmel ko.

**EFFECTIVE 4 p.m. Thursday,** the mid-atoll corridor is closed to all non-mission-related surface vessels until further notice. This includes oceanside east reef north of Bigej to Gagan's oceanside east out to the 12-mile territorial limit. Oceanside west reef is also closed out to the 12-mile territorial limit from Carlos north to Yabbernohr. Recreational activities are limited to areas south and north of these lines.

**Jino jen Thursday/August 22, 4:00 awa jota,** lowaan aelonin (mid-corridor) enaj kilok mae emoj kemelmel ko an USAKA. Ijoko kein jen relik tuion in Bigej nan Bikejian (Gagan) 12 mile tulik. 12 mile likin ene enaj kilok jen Carlos lok nan Jabenwod, enaj melim wot ejerakok wot ilo turok in jin bakake.

**IF YOU'RE looking for an Army Reserve home or unit,** plan to attend a workshop about Army opportunities for individual ready reserve, warrant officer opportunities in the Army Reserve and active guard recruiting. An Army team from Ft. Shafter's ninth regional support command will answer all questions and share new information, Thursday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m., in the MP room. For more information, call LuAnne, 51098.

**FURNITURE HAS arrived for Palm and Reef BQs.** Deliveries are being made. Roi-Namur furniture will arrive late August for September delivery. Family housing drawing winners should expect furniture in late September. Watch the roller for updates. Questions? Call 53434.

**PARENTS OF students in grades seven through 12** are invited to attend "Back to School Night" at Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School Friday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m., in the MP room. A letter with details should be arriving in the mail. Questions? Call the high school.

**GRACE SHERWOOD LIBRARY** needs donations of paperback books. Clean out those shelves and boxes and donate books you're not using. If you have taken books, bring back books for trade through our exchange system.

**MACY'S WEST** wants your empty RSE propane bottles.

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We will pay \$32.90 for each RSE bottle. Free pickup available.

YOKWE YUK RESTAURANT will be open Sunday.

YOKWE YUK GRILL is open daily, 4:30-9 p.m. YOKWE YUK BAR is open 4:30-11 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 4:30 p.m.-2 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

INTERESTED IN home education with a Christian emphasis? Come to the Christian home education conference Sept. 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the REB. For more information or to reserve lunch, call Kay, 53627.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE under the lights is Friday, 7 p.m., at Brandon Field. We will divide into teams on the field. Questions? Call 53331.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL hours at the Youth Center begin tomorrow. Hours will be 3-6 p.m., weeknights; 7-11 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., school days. Questions? Call Erika, 53331.

NEW ISLAND students must have an up-to-date PPD/TB skin test before school starts. Parents can bring their child's immunization record to Kwajalein Hospital to be reviewed by a nurse 1:30-4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Students will not be admitted until certain immunization requirements are met. Questions? Call 52223 or 52224.

CALLING ALL beach enthusiasts: A four-person beach volleyball tournament will be held Monday, Sept. 2, at noon at Emon Beach. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 30, at Community Activities office. There is a \$10 fee. Questions? Call Scott, 53331.

U.S. GOVERNMENT property sealed bid sale will be conducted through Aug. 31. Items will be available for inspection 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m., Saturdays. Sealed bids will be received at Raytheon, Range Systems Engineering, DCCB Facility or Property Management Office, Facility 602, until 4 p.m., Aug. 31. Bids will be opened Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 9 a.m. For additional information, call Raytheon Reutilization and Disposal, 51770 or 51076.

APPLICATIONS FOR the KAG Holiday Fair are located on the mini-mall bulletin board. The Fair will be Nov. 4.

SCRAPBOOKING: Every Sunday evening, 8 p.m.-12 midnight, in CAC Room 7. All island ladies are invited. Questions? Call Amy, 51128, or Laura, 51114.

NEW SAFETY barricades have been erected near the Freezer Dock and warehouses 610, 612 and 701. The purpose of the barricades is to prevent bike accidents from taking place by using these shortcuts. Bike riders are requested to use the paved roads in the industrial areas of the island.

MASONIC FELLOWSHIP meets tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the Yokwe Yuk Club Kabua Room. All Master Masons welcome.

BOWLING LOCKER rentals are now past due for July-December. The \$17 fee is payable at Community Activities, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, at the Bowling Center or by mailing a check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local. Questions? Call 53331.

**Classified ad deadlines**  
Tuesday issue: noon Friday  
Friday issue: noon Wednesday

# Youth Basketball

**RMI JUNIOR BASKETBALL AND YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS THROUGH AUG. 31 AT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, 7:30-11:30 A.M., AND 12:30-4:30 P.M., TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED. FOR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, CALL 53331.**



**TINY TOT KICKBALL REGISTRATION IS THROUGH AUG. 31 AT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, 7:30-11:30 A.M. AND 12:30-4:30 P.M., TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. QUESTIONS? CALL ERIKA, 53331.**

# Welcome To The Movies

**at the ARC, formerly the UPRC,  
Wednesday nights, 7 p.m.**



- Movie titles will be posted at the ARC Saturdays.
- Living room comfort and fun people!
- Bring snacks and drinks!
- 19 AND UP ONLY!

**Questions or suggestions, call Cassie, 52491.**

**Marshallese Word  
of the Day**

*Rear* = East.

**See you at the movies!**

**Friday**

**Lilo and Stitch (2002, PG)**

The mutant result of an intergalactic mad scientist's experiment is exiled to a lonely asteroid. The creature escapes to Earth, where it is adopted by a little girl in this Disney sci fi effort. (80 minutes)  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Saturday**

**Shanghai Noon (2000, PG-13)**

Jackie Chan takes his martial arts stunts out West, matching his kung fu against the six-shooter as a member of the Chinese Imperial Guard searching for a kidnapped princess in 1880s Nevada. (Owen Wilson, Lucy Liu) (108 minutes)  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**American Beauty (1999, R)**

Suburban America gets a Lynchian twist in this story about a family whose father becomes obsessed with his daughter's attractive friend. (Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening) (120 minutes)  
*Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Sunday**

**Lilo and Stitch (2002, PG)**

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

**American Beauty (1999, R)**

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 9:30 p.m.*

**Shanghai Noon (2000, PG-13)**

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

**Monday**

**Lilo and Stitch (2002, PG)**

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

**Pine trees to  
be replaced  
by scaevola**

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

Nine-year-old Nicole Wauchope and her mother studied plants Wednesday morning at the Kwajalein Public Gardens as part of their home-schooling routine.

"It's so nice out here," said Tamara Wauchope.

The gardens have seen a lot of growth from recent rains, and garden crews, led by Amy Storey, Kwajalein Public Gardens coordinator, and volunteers Anne Maley and Vicky Santucci, have their hands full.

"Everything has taken off," said Maley, who, like Santucci, has been working at the gardens for three years.

Following storms last month, Buildings and Grounds crews have pitched in as well, trimming back trees and helping to save a few trees knocked over by high winds.

The gardens and Facilities, Operations and Maintenance are working together elsewhere too, as FOM crews continue a project to remove Australian pine trees in the residential area of the island and eventually islandwide, said John Brown, FOM manager. The tree is not native to the Marshall Islands. The trees have a shallow root system and during storms or high winds they tend to become ungrounded missiles.

"Some have gotten large and could



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

**Nicole Wauchope, 9, enjoys the Kwajalein Public Gardens last Wednesday during a home-school visit. Storms bringing heavy rain and winds have the island's flora flourishing — but also present a dangerous climate for pine trees, which are not well rooted and could become projectiles in a powerful storm.**

cause a lot of damage and maybe injure people," Brown said.

Storey and Brown, with the help of Environmental staff, plan to replace the trees by reintroducing scaevola bushes, particularly oceanside, Storey said. The bush, native to the Marshall Islands, grows into a thick hedge, protecting the soil around it from erosion and the harsh salt air. Once the bush is established, crews could follow up by planting big shade trees, pisonia and heliotrope, both also native to the islands.

The gardens can always use help on this and other projects, she added.

But with all the work around the island, Storey said she still looks forward to the visits from school children, whose interest and enthusiasm she finds infectious.

Said Storey, "It makes me feel like a kid again."

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.

**Winds:** Southwest at 10 knots, becoming variable at 5 to 10 knots. Higher gusts near showers.

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

**Winds:** Variable at 5 to 10 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

**Temperature:** Tonight's low 79°  
Tomorrow's high 87°

**August rain total:** 7.26"

**Annual rain total:** 70.90"

**Annual deviation:** +15.22"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday August 20	0641/1904	1705/0404	0250, 4.9' 1520, 4.1'	0920, 1.3' 2110, 1.5'
Wednesday August 21	0641/1903	1755/0458	0330, 5.2' 1600, 4.4'	1000, 1.0' 2140, 1.2'
Thursday August 22	0641/1903	1842/0551 <b>Full moon</b>	0400, 5.4' 1630, 4.6'	1030, 0.8' 2220, 1.0'
Friday August 23	0641/1902	1925/0641	0430, 5.6' 1650, 4.8'	1050, 0.6' 2250, 0.9'