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Price increases to benefit quality of life

This is my first commander's column since the change of command a little more than a week ago, and I wish its subject could be something less serious. But, I will always be upfront and honest with you as a community, sharing the most current information I have, as soon as I have it.

Our retail and recreation services at USAKA/KMR are hurting. A review of our pricing — the first in more than six years — made it apparent that the balance between extra support, reduced operational dollars and real-world pricing needed to be realigned.

Bottom line ... we are all going to have to support some upcoming price increases on the island in an effort to increase our dwindling quality-of-life dollars.

Starting this week and continuing over the next four or five months, these price increases will occur for the following commodities and programs.

Aug. 11

Cigarettes, which are currently priced about 20 to 40 percent below



off-island retail, will increase from \$17.50 to \$23.50 per carton, or from \$1.75 to \$2.35 a pack.

This is still quite a bit lower than the average \$4 a pack in Honolulu, or even the \$3 price tag in Huntsville, Ala.

January 2001

Golf dues will increase from \$18 to \$25 a month.

Compared to a range of \$17 to \$44 a month at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., — a part of the country considered to have a low cost of living — this is still a bargain.

February 2001

Large boat lot rental will increase from \$30 to \$100.

Small lot, from \$15 to \$50.

Lot with shed only, from \$10 to \$35.

Hand launch with shed, from \$15

to \$50.

Hand launch boat only, from \$5 to \$20.

It's probably safe to say that these prices are still far less than the costs in Anywhere, U.S.A.

All of these price increases and the profits from them have been programmed into the following quality of life upgrades:

- Purchase of new outboard engines.
- Equipment purchases to support the new small boat marina operations and retail facility.
- Club and dining facility renovations.

We do these increases not to single out any particular group or customer, but to balance the commodities and activities that *are truly under cost*.

Without this pricing review-to-budget justification, we will not be able to provide new programs and equipment.

I ask for your understanding as a community pulling together to make improvements. And I ask for your support as we continue to upgrade the quality of life on this island.

Loeak assumes duties as RMI liaison to USAKA/KMR

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

Almost every chair in the Republic of the Marshall Islands Liaison office was filled last Tuesday, promising a long day for the new RMI representative to USAKA/KMR, *Iroij* (traditional chief) Botlang Loeak.

Assigned as the RMI representative two months ago and arriving on Kwajalein only last month, Loeak has already established himself as a warm, thoughtful man with a sharp mind and a great sense of humor, said Maryanne Lane, USAKA/KMR Host Nation officer.

After 16 years working for the Marshallese government in an administrative capacity in Majuro during the United Nations Trust agreement, Loeak started working with the RMI when the constitution was established in 1979. He worked from 1979 until assigned to Kwajalein Atoll in the chief secretary's office under RMI cabinet direction.

"Mr. Loeak will be particularly effective because he has a background dealing with the elected government

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(Photo by KW Hillis)

Republic of the Marshall Islands representative Botlang Loeak moved into the RMI Liaison Office last month, replacing Hiram Malolo, who left in February to assume a post at the RMI embassy in Suva, Fiji.

All I want for Christmas: A Mars VII laser rifle with the compass in the stock

I think I'm finally beginning to embrace this brave new world of high-tech gadgetry.

In fact, just the other night, as I started to fall asleep, I double clicked my tongue, shutting down for the night. I just wish I had a Zip drive that would save my dreams on a disk, so I could download images for future PowerPoint presentations.

Actually, PowerPoint seems to be one of those little technologies that puts the super into superfluous. As a new arrival on island recently told me after undergoing a flurry of briefings, he had experienced "death by PowerPoint." I recently received a PowerPoint party invitation via e-mail that had more special effects than the original "Star Wars" movie. (Chewbecca really was a rug, by the way.)

Remember back in school when classmates would all give each other (except that one dorky kid who would sit in the front of the classroom voluntarily) Valentine's cards with popular cartoon characters on them? They would also feature clever remarks, like, "I'm toonely in love with you" and other such witticisms. Now that was innovation.

E-mail, on the other hand, is probably only a fad, largely because I just



started using it with gusto in the last year, meaning it's got to come to an end any day now. In fact, this last year I've been more in sync with the latest crazes than ever before. (Another childhood flashback: The day after I bought a pair of parachute pants in the 1980s, break dancing went out of style. I was devastated, but my mother was quite pleased, as the only place to break dance in Mesquite, Texas, was the rodeo, usually when the rodeo clowns were practicing their hide-and-seek routines with the bulls. But that's a different story).

Back to e-mail: It really is the greatest thing since sliced cabbage and square wheels. I mean I haven't even had to call anyone for an interview or leave the office for six months now. My little gecko friend says I wouldn't even have to leave the office if FOM would build a restroom next to my cubicle at the *Hourglass*. My gecko friend is smart. He started talking to me about a month ago after I took the phone out of the office.

Seriously, though, I've never been a big fan of techno toys, but over the last year I've invested more money in gadgets than the combined GNP of New Hampshire and Bolivia. GPS, scuba gear and dive computer, Mars VII laser rifle with the compass in the stock ... the list just goes on and on. I'm just waiting for Russia to have a fire sale on antiquated space stations.

But where does it end? When is enough enough?

I've called in an expert on the subject of human sociology in the age of technology. His latest book is, "Man Bytes Computer: E-xistence is Just a Click Away." Please welcome my friend, the gecko.

Dr. Gecko: "It's a pleasure to be here. I would have been here sooner, but someone just closed the door on my tail, and I had to grow a new one ... I think your question is a valid one, in that it really can't be answered. Some Luddites out there might argue we've already gone too far. Of course, they also believe Santa Claus went too far when he hired Rudolph the Reindeer for his red nose. At the other end of the spectrum, we have someone like you, who has become so detached from reality that he's talking to a gecko. We must find a compromise."

But what?

"Implants. We must draw the line at cyborgs. Unless they're shaped like geckos. That would be OK."

Thank you for coming, Dr. Gecko. This also ends another installment of *Going Overboard*. Everyone is invited to the cast party this weekend. I'll send out a PowerPoint invitation from my space station. :)

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A note on last week's column: Alert reader Lary Hayden noted that a certain candy bar was not, in fact, named after Babe Ruth the baseball star but the Lindburgh baby, or something like that. I forget. Thanks, Lary, for showing your age and messing up a completely logical argument for celebrity food endorsements.

Kom ruwainene

"Kom ruwainene" is the Marshallese way to say, "Welcome."

Audra Mayhan arrived Saturday from Boston to work as the superintendent of recreation at Community Activities.

She lived on Kwajalein as a kid, attending Kwaj schools from seventh to 10th grade, 1980-84, and working on the island during summers of her college years.

She says, "I'm glad to be home."

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— Did You Know? —

A safe place to be ...

The crime rate at USAKA/KMR, when it comes to assaults, is only about 10 percent of the national average. The U.S. rate is 8.2 assaults per 1,000 people in the population. As of the second quarter of this fiscal year, the rate here was .86 per 1,000.

Loeak eager to jump into new job ...

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and because he is connected to one of the traditional *iroij* families," said Lt. Col. Steven Beal, USAKA/KMR Host Nation chief. "The changeover will work well for us as well as the RMI."

Botlang is part of the Loeak landowner family, one of the major landowner families of Kwajalein Atoll. There are four Loeak brothers, with Anjua [chief landowner on Ebeye] being the oldest, Lane said explaining the new representative's connection to the *iroij*.

The job of RMI representative — previously held by Hiram Malolo — has many facets.

"I work closely with the military. This is a liaison office. I coordinate all functions between the RMI and the United States," Loeak said.

Anything to do with illegal entry, Green Peace activities, official communications between the RMI and the United States and RMI citizens' problems, including entry and exit to and from islands leased to the U.S., are some of the functions, he said.

Although Loeak has a small staff, and the phone is ringing all the time, "he's adjusted quickly. We're really pleased because we work so closely with his office," Lane said.

Loeak said he is determined to get

up to speed on his job and to get to know the people of the United States because the knowledge will make the difference in future relations between the two nations.

"I live here and I told the people in Majuro this is where we exercise our liaison with the United States. Get to know the people because they are neighbors. The point is to get to be friends," Loeak said. "I read General Costello [in the *Hourglass*] and agree with him. He said [Kwaj] was a good place, because the important thing is the people. Without the people you have nothing."

Loeak said he knows he has a large task ahead of him, but has a plan for accomplishing it.

"Rev. [John] Dorr's sermon was from Genesis this last Sunday. He talked about going back to the beginning and starting from the beginning. When you have to do something you know has to be done, go back to the beginning so you don't forget something. Then you can do it right," Loeak explained.

Loeak now lives on Kwaj with his wife and two of his sons, 18-year-old Botlang Jr. and 12-year-old Stephen. Stephen will be attending sixth grade on Kwajalein and Botlang Jr. has just been accepted in the Job Corps program.

Army CATs pitch in to help construct facilities on Kosrae

By Capt. Pete Eilskov

84th Engineer Combat Battalion

A team of 13 soldiers from the 84th Engineer Combat Battalion in Hawaii have been helping the people of Kosrae for the last few months by building roads, state offices and other facilities on the Micronesian island located southeast of Guam.

The team built an office and lab for the forestry department to aid in the research of the mangrove swamps. Soldiers improved facilities in the state prison and repaired and constructed several roads. The team is currently working on a new latrine for the students at an island high school and constructing a baseball field.

The Army engineers are also building a road to the remote village of Walung. Until the Civic Action Team completes this road, the mode of travel to Walung is by boat or through swamps.

Army Civic Action Teams have been supporting the Federated States of Micronesia under treaty since 1984, officials said. They explained that the framework for this Treaty is the "Compact of Free Association." U.S. Army Pacific provides CATs to Kosrae and Pohnpei on a six-month revolving basis. Their mission is to engage local communities with small engineer projects as a helping hand to the newly developing state.

The current team has been working together with Gov. Rensley Sigrah, the state government and all four municipal mayors of the island to plan and complete the construction projects.

The soldiers are also actively involved with the local community, participating in volleyball tournaments, movie nights and basketball leagues.

YYWC invites new island women to coffee social Friday

By Dianne Tarnstrom

Yokwe Yuk Women's Club president
New to Kwaj?

The Yokwe Yuk Women's Club is hosting a Newcomers Coffee Friday, 9:30 a.m., Qtrs. 203-A, to welcome new arrivals and old friends to the community.

The YYWC offers a variety of volunteer opportunities to island women, including the Micronesian Handicraft Shop, the Bargain Bazaar and the Children's Outer Island Christmas Drop.

Stork Club News

David and Donna Sarmanian announce the birth of their first child, Nicholas David. He was born in St. Louis on June 10, and weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce.

There was a Kwajalein connection to this CONUS birth.

The delivering doctor, Dr. Ken Grant, used to be in a partnership selling and delivering boats around these islands. In 1982, they sold and delivered a McGregor 36, a sailboat, to a Kwaj resident. It's a small world, after all.



Aquariums offer glimpse into nature's beauty

By Bob Fore
Feature Writer

Aquariums seem to be an ideal choice for many to experience the mystery of the underwater realm, and, being surrounded by a tropical ocean environment, the possibilities are certainly enticing.

But, according to Madelain Westermann, a third-grade teacher at Kwajalein Elementary School and aquarium aficionado, an obligation exists for anyone interested in starting and maintaining an aquarium in their home.

"People here on Kwaj live in one of the most beautiful places in the world, with a rich variety of marine life. If they take something out of that habitat, then they have a responsibility to provide them with an equal habitat."

In the case of marine creatures taken from the ocean, this is no small feat. The hobby is not an easy one either to learn or maintain. It is also easy to get into deep water financially.

So, it may be asked, why would you want to undertake something so complicated and expensive?

"Two reasons I like to do it are that I really like the visual effect of the fish. It is very relaxing," Kwaj dentist, Dr. Michael Johnson said. "I also enjoy learning about the different species and their interrelationship with each other."

If you are still interested in this complicated hobby, here are some guidelines from Westermann, which will help the beginner on his or her way to success.

Tank: The size of the fish tank may be driven by a number of factors, such as budget or space available. As a general rule, for the good of the tank's inhabitants, the bigger the better.

Glass tanks tend to last longer, and scar less. Though they cost more initially, they also have a better resale value.

Acrylic tanks are less costly, but are more susceptible to damage, such as scratching or clouding, over time.

There are two types of aquariums



(Photo by Bob Fore)

Madelain Westermann checks the salinity of one of the aquariums in her home. It can take a year before the proper balance of conditions is established to maintain an aquarium. This requires constant vigilance and a good understanding of what is going on inside.

to choose from. A fish aquarium basically uses rocks and dead coral as decoration, with the fish becoming the visual centerpiece.

The reef tank not only has fish, but other types of living organisms, such as anemone, crustaceans and live coral. They all contribute to their environment and require special attention. Care should be used.

Placement of the tank will also play an important part in the decision-making process. Fish used to living deeper on a reef or in the shadows will do better away from windows and direct sunlight. The tank will also produce less algae.

Tanks exposed to more direct sunlight will be better suited for fish that thrive in those conditions. Copious amounts of algae can be produced in a short time period, requiring more maintenance for the owner.

Filtration: For the fish aquarium, an undergravel type of filter is often used, and may well be included in the purchase price of the aquarium you buy.

For the reef aquarium, there are several basic types of filtration systems that can be purchased, some

being rather complicated to both understand as well as maintain. The best advice is get the one you feel comfortable with.

The amount of filtration should exceed the capacity of the tank (i.e., if you have a 60-gallon tank, a filter with a little higher capacity per hour, such as 80 gallons, would be wise).

Air pump: An air pump is used to oxygenate the water, unless a protein skimmer is used. A battery driven pump will also be useful for power outages.

Gravel: Rocks the size of a pea can be found on the beaches and are good for use with an aquarium. Thoroughly rinse them with fresh water and leave in the sun for 24 hours before using.

Oatmeal gravel is found in surge channels. After collection, place the gravel in a fine mesh bag and keep it in the water to get rid of the sand. Transfer the gravel into the tank within 24 hours.

Rocks: Do not break live rock off the reef. You will find all you will need already broken off through natural causes.

It is preferable for beginners to avoid the use of live rock altogether until

they are more experienced with aquariums.

The use of live rock in a reef aquarium is beneficial to the enclosed ecosystem. The rock should be thoroughly scrubbed with a brush to get outside organisms off.

In a fish aquarium, medications can easily kill the nitrifying bacteria in the coral that help to break down organic materials and act as part of the filtration system. This causes a methane buildup in the tank, which can result in the death of the tank's inhabitants.

Before placing rocks in a fish aquarium, soak them in a 10 percent clorox/90 percent fresh water solution for 24 hours, then rinse in fresh water. Finally, leave the rocks in the direct sunlight for three days until there is no odor.

Water: It is preferable to use ocean water as opposed to lagoon water in an aquarium. There is a saltwater tap located between the Oceanview Club and the temporary trailers that is useful for obtaining clean seawater. Test the water salinity weekly. The acceptable range should be between 1.024 to 1.025.

Fish: While plentiful in the ocean environment, they have many different characteristics that may or may not make them ideal for an aquarium. Using books and local resources can help prevent many of the initial mistakes beginners often make concerning fish selection.

Do not add fish to your aquarium until the environment has been established. For a 40-gallon tank this could take two weeks, and up to four weeks for a larger tank. This allows time for depletion of harmful by-pro-

ducts in the tank.

When it is time for the addition of fish to the aquarium, it is important to add one or two fish at a time. This allows the fish to acclimate to their new home and gives the owner time to catch and correct any potential problems.

Choose a litmus type of fish, such as damsels or very small triggers of less than one inch. Watch the fish carefully over the next week or so, looking for any abnormal behavior patterns. If any problem areas are detected, correct them before adding any more fish.

especially good place to look if you are a beginner.

If you can determine where that hiding spot is, and the route the fish will take during its escape, you may be able to set up the net in its path, using the poker to drive the fish. Once caught, immediately place the fish in the plastic jar, preferably without touching it with your hand.

Transfer the fish into the aquarium as quickly as possible, leaving it in the jar for an hour or so to acclimate it to its new location. It might help putting the jar near the rocks on the bottom of the aquarium.



(Photo by Bob Fore)

Pictured above are some of the items for proper maintenance of an aquarium. Local enthusiasts can provide valuable insights. This can be an expensive hobby, so remember that cheaper alternatives may exist. Asking local sources or finding aquarium chat rooms is on the Internet will often provide answers to your questions.

As you gradually increase the population within the tank, you will eventually come to the saturation point for occupancy. A good rule of thumb for this would be no more than one inch of fish for every gallon of capacity in a tank with proper filtration.

Catching the fish can present a particular challenge, since they are so fragile. Proper equipment includes a fine mesh monofilament net or clear plastic bag, poker stick, plastic jar with holes in it and a bucket.

Many fish use the reef for hiding, and have a special hiding place already picked out. Tidal pools are an

tion should never be used in a reef tank, as it can kill invertebrates.

Books: Excellent reference books on the subject are available over the Internet. Westermann suggests "The Complete Aquarium Problem Solver" by Kevin Boyd (Tetra Press).

Chat rooms: There are chat rooms on the Internet, with many enthusiasts who are more than willing to help anyone with questions or problems.

"It is important for beginners not to give up when they encounter problems," Westermann said. "It takes a year for the aquarium to become established and stabilized."

Feeding: Feed only small amounts of food several times daily to the fish. The proper amount is that which can be consumed by the fish within five minutes. Do not overfeed.

A good, high-quality frozen fish food is available at Macy's West.

Vitamins: Daily vitamin supplements are recommended and are available from aquarium supply catalogs.

Medication: Available through supply catalogs, medica-

Classified Ads and Community Notices

Appointment of part-time U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Hawaii at Kwajalein Missile Range, July 2, 2000.

Note: Law degree not required

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii at Kwajalein Missile Range, on July 2, 2000.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, and include: 1) the conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; 2) the trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; 3) the conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and 4) the trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. Section 636.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must: 1) be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized), **or have a degree from a college or university of recognized standing, with a minimum of five years of progressively responsible administrative experience in public service or business;** 2) be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness; 3) be less than 70 years old; 4) not be related to a judge of the district courts; reside on Kwajalein.

A Merit Selection Panel that includes attorneys will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups.

The current annual salary of the position is \$3,275.

The term of office is four years.

More information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the clerk of the district court or the chairman of the selection panel.

Three (3) copies of a resumé must be submitted by interested persons. Resumés should be addressed to: Merit Selection Panel for United States Magistrate Judge - Kwajalein, United States District Court, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room C-338, Honolulu, HI, 96850.

All resumés will be kept confidential,

unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

NOTE: Part-time magistrate judges are not normally tendered government-furnished chambers or office space. They are reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties (28 U.S.C. Section 635(b)).

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, 51296.

SECRETARY, Education Dept. Full time. Will be responsible for maintaining attendance and records, preparing correspondence and assisting the teaching staff. Must have knowledge of Windows, MS Word and databases. A criminal history background check is required.

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, Small Boat Marina. Full time. Experience repairing and maintaining Evinrude and Honda outboard motors, hull repair and sailboat repair and maintenance. Supervisory and parts experience required.

LIBRARY AIDE, Grace Sherwood Library. Part time. Customer service-oriented person to assist with front desk duties and perform various clerical tasks including typing, data entry, filing, shelving and maintaining the library. Must be self-motivated, enjoy working with the public and be able to work a flexible schedule including some evenings and weekends.

MEDICAL RECORDS QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR, Hospital. Full time. Must be familiar with healthcare policy and procedures, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and have experience in healthcare performance improvement criteria. Will be responsible for assigning diagnosis codes according to American Medical Records standards, as well as maintaining all associated files. Must have knowledge of Microsoft Office systems.

RECREATION COORDINATOR, Youth Center. Part time. Will be responsible for facility maintenance and supervision of students in grades 3-12. Supervisory experience preferred and must be willing to work weekends and holidays. A criminal history background check is required.

ATTENDANT, Ivey Gym. Duties will include greeting patrons, equipment orientations, janitorial duties, light maintenance and assisting weightlifters with their workouts. Call Ian West at 53331 for more information.

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

COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, Business Dept. Teachers in accounting, management and economics for the fall semester. Minimum requirement is bachelor's degree. Call 51034 or 52188.

USAKA/KMR has several openings for Office Automation Assistants at GS-06 level and one secretarial opening at GS-07 level. For information, call Terry or Julie, 54417.

WANTED

DARK BROWN latex paint for self-help project. Partial can will do. Call Steve, 54534.

LOST

TWO CAMERAS, one underwater camera in yellow case and one automatic Olympus in a black case, at Emon Beach Pavilion No. 1. Call 53693.

YELLOW RAIN cover for a Trek child carrier on Lagoon Road past Building 1010, July 28. Call 52704.

WORK TABLE, brown with formica top, 2'x 3', from behind Qtrs. 124-B. Return to Qtrs. 124-B or call 52609.

FOR SALE

SCUBA GEAR: One set each of men's and women's gear, including ScubaPro weight integrated BCDs with weights, top-ranked IDI regulators with all gauges, second stages, hoses and octopuses, excellent condition. Asking \$600 each or best offer. Call 53410.

JET SKI, Kawasaki 750 SS, 1996 model. Call 56456 after 7 p.m.

HYPERLITE SHAPIRO wakeboard with

You're invited ...



... To a Newcomers Coffee, hosted by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, Friday, 9:30 a.m., at Qtrs. 203-A. Learn about island activities and meet new friends. Call Dianne at 55990 for more information.

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Hyperlite wake sandal bindings, \$150; O'Brien Bonzai skurfboard, three-fin design, \$50. Call Greg at 51990.

OAKLEY SUNGLASSES. Rootbeer frame with gold irridium lens, brand new in case, paid \$80 each, will sell for \$50 each. Call Shannon at 54449 and leave a message.

STEREO SYSTEM: Pioneer receiver, Marantz dual-cassette deck, ADC equalizer, Infinity SM120 speakers and cabinet, \$1,200 or best offer; Sony Playstation with two controllers, X-memory card, steering wheel and pedals and four games, \$250 or best offer. Call Jeff, 52163.

SMALL SIX-DRAWER oak dresser, \$50; youth-size golf clubs with bag, \$25; four-drawer filing cabinet, \$25. Call 53721.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BIBLE TRANSLATOR Alice Buck will meet with all interested persons at a no-host dinner held in her honor at Three Palms Snack Bar tomorrow, 6:30 p.m. Questions? Call Lora, 54186.

NEW STUDENTS should register at the elementary or junior/senior high schools as soon as possible. Birth certificates and immunization records needed. Call 53601 or 52011 for more information.

DUE TO ongoing construction around Qtrs. 460 and 462, island residents are urged to use caution when approaching the construction areas. Keep outside of barricades. Questions? Call 53317.

GEORGE SEITZ Elementary School is seeking volunteers to be president and vice-president or two people to be co-president for the 2000-2001 PTO board. Call Nancy, 50225.

KWAJALEIN CHURCH of Christ meets Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in CRC Room 1.

Bible classes are Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., in CRC Room 6. All are welcome.

PREGNANT? For caring and confidential advice, call Care-Net, 1-800-395-HELP.

VETERINARIAN will be on island Aug. 22. There are limited appointments available. To be placed on the waiting list, call the Veterinary Clinic, 52017.

MONDAY MADNESS is happening at the Bowling Center during the month of August. Games are \$1 each, 1-5 p.m. Receive free professional instruction. Get in shape for the fall season. Questions? Call 53320.

COME JOIN the fun! Become a lifeguard at the pool or the beach. Pools and Beaches is conducting a lifeguarding class starting Aug. 12, 6 p.m., at the family pool. All interested persons contact Emilee Healing, 52847, or Ian West, 53331.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 9, in CAC Room 7 at 7 p.m.. The public is welcome.

KAISC will meet Thursday, 7 p.m., at The Pacific Club. All members and others interested are invited.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Roi-Namur at Tr. 8311, Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m. If you have a desire to stop drinking, call 56292 to leave a message. Alcoholics Anonymous meets three times a week in Building 932, Kwajalein: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. Call 51143 and leave a message for information or help. We will call you back.

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Friday issue: noon Wednesday

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at

Grace Sherwood Library

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Garwood

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W.E.B. Griffin

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by Barbara Hambly

The High Flyer by

Susan Howatch

The Road Taken by

Rona Jaffe

Devil's Claw by

Judith Jance

Crazybone by Bill Pronzini

Omerta by Mario Puzo

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Nora Roberts

Preserver by William Shatner

Other Fiction

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Mitchell (Kwajalein

visiting mission

specialist)

McNaughton Nonfiction

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Cow: My American

Hitchhiking Odyssey

by Tim Brookes

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Britain by Tim Clayton

Leap of Faith: An Astronaut's

Journey Into the

Unknown by

Gordon Cooper

Roads by Larry McMurtry

**Other Recent Acquisitions -
Nonfiction**

Plants and Environments of

the Marshall Islands by

Mark Merlin

Children's Picture Books

Pig and Crow by Kay Chora

I'm Sorry by Sam McBratney

Dinosaur! by Peter Sis

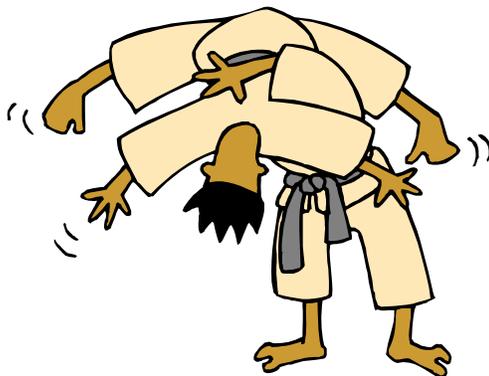
A Pocketful of Stars by

Nikki SiegenSmith

I is One by Tasha Tudor

Judo Demonstration

Will be held at CRC Room 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Aug. 11, 12, 14, 15. The history of Judo, its purpose and uses will be briefly discussed. Throws, hold downs, chokes and arm bars will be demonstrated.



See you at the movies!

Saturday

Return to Me (New Release, PG)

A happily married man is devastated after his wife dies in an auto accident. Two years later, he is approached by a journalist, the woman who received his wife's heart in a transplant and is writing a story about the experience. Bob Rueland must decide if he is falling in love with the writer or with his wife's memory. (David Duchovny, Minnie Driver, James Belushi) (113 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Erin Brockovich (New Release, R)

Legal drama based on the true story of a woman who helped win the largest settlement ever paid in a direct-action lawsuit after she uncovers the systematic cover-up of the industrial poisoning of a city's water supply. (Julia Roberts, Albert Finney) (131 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

The Skulls (New Release, PG-13)

In this suspense drama, a college student finds himself immersed in forces beyond his control. Luke McNamara is enjoying the privileges of being a member of the secret society, the Skulls. But the death of his roommate convinces him that not all is fun and games. (Joshua Jackson, Craig T. Nelson) (106 minutes)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Little Women (Classic, 1933)

Louisa May Alcott's beloved story, focusing on the joys and sorrows of four sisters growing up in New England during the Civil War. (Katharine Hepburn, Joan Bennett) (96 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Skulls (New Release, PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Erin Brockovich (New Release, R)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Return to Me (New Release, PG)

Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Monday

Return to Me (New Release, PG)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Erin Brockovich (New Release, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

EOD detonates mortar embedded in coral

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

World War II may be long gone, but its lethal legacy remains in the form of ordnance scattered throughout the island.

Another reminder of that legacy — and for caution by residents — was discovered Wednesday, when Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians discovered a live Japanese 50mm mortar shell embedded in some dead coral oceanside between the Kwaj Lodge and the Adult Pool.

EOD tech D.J. Moore explained personnel in his department routinely search the beach areas and coastline for ordnance every week.

"We'll just walk out at low tide and see if we find any ordnance residue," he said.

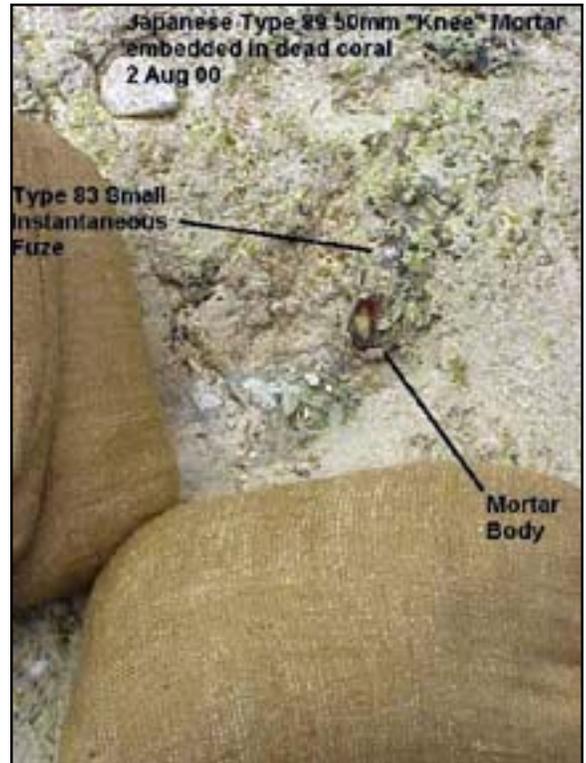
It was on such a search Wednesday when the unexploded mortar was discovered. It was detonated on site rather than stored for later disposal because of the potential danger of removing it. Moore said the only way to extract the device would have been by sledgehammer. Not a good idea, he said.

This mortar is particularly dangerous because the original explosive was quite sensitive in its original state, according to Moore. That mix becomes very sensitive, he explained,

when exposed to salt and sun for so many years.

If residents do find ordnance, EOD urges them to leave it alone and contact either the Kwajalein Police Department or EOD. Moore said the person may want to mark the site, but cautioned not to place anything on the device.

"The stuff is here. With all the work going on, people are going to find things," he said.



(Photo courtesy of EOD)

Explosive Ordnance Disposal techs discovered this 50mm mortar shell in the coral rock on ocean side near the Kwaj Lodge during a sweep of the area.

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet



Sun • Moon • Tides



Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East-northeast to east at 7 to 12 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers.
Winds: East-northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 85°
August rain total: 1.53"
Annual rain total: 46.41"
Annual deviation: -5.35"

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday August 8	0642/1909	1337/0054	0959, 3.5' 2323, 3.9'	0409, 2.5' 1619, 2.3'
Wednesday August 9	0642/1908	1425/0138 1st Qtr moon	1159, 3.3'	0616, 2.5' 1801, 2.3'
Thursday August 10	0642/1908	1514/0223	0101, 4.1' 1340, 3.5'	0752, 2.3' 1925, 2.2'
Friday August 11	0642/1908	1603/0310	0203, 4.4' 1434, 3.8'	0843, 1.9' 2018, 1.9'