

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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Looking Back —————

## Kwajalein's broadcasters made history

**Editor's Note:** *This is the first in a two-part series on the history of the media on Kwajalein by Eugene Sims, frequent Hourglass contributor and author of Kwajalein Remembered. Next week, look for a history of your newspaper, the Hourglass.*

**By Eugene Sims**

*Kwaj Historian*

Most of us remember the hilarious routines of actor Robin Williams in the movie "Good Morning Vietnam." The monologue spiels by Williams as he portrayed Adrian Cronauer, the offbeat disc jockey, are a comedy classic.

Very few realize the disc jockey character, along with much of the procedural beginnings of Armed Forces Radio in the greater Pacific Ocean area, had their start on Kwajalein from 1944-46. Fewer realize that Kwajalein also had a unique disc jockey on its first radio station in the Marshalls clear back in 1944. The station was WXLG, and the DJ routines were much the same as heard again some 21 years later in Vietnam.

### The Beginning

After things settled down following the American invasion of Kwajalein in February 1944, a small Welfare and Recreation office was established by the joint Army-Navy command. Located in a Quonset hut behind the present-day Richardson Theater, the first radio station in the Marshalls went on the air in June 1944. By the end of the year, the call letters "WXLG - Radio Kwajalein" were heard throughout all of the Marshall Islands, and as far south as the Gilbert Islands.

Starting as an outgrowth of the local radio repair shop, the first  
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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

## Sliding into the swing of things

Anna Alves, 15, slides into water at Emon Beach Sunday night at the Welcome Back-to-School Dance and Beach Bash sponsored by Community Activities and the KHS National Honor Society. Besides a host of beach games, students danced the night away at the Youth Center outdoor basketball court.

## Stoddard: Women of the past paved the way for modern-day equality

**By Barbara Johnson**

*Feature Writer*

Women who have "come before" were the focus of the Women's Equality Day luncheon at the Yokwe Yuk Club Friday. The event, attended by about 65 people, was sponsored by USAKA/KMR.

The featured speaker was Penny Stoddard, a teacher for 15 years and currently the president of the District Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Sgt. Linda Wilson introduced Stoddard, noting women's fight for equality for the past 300 years and adding "we thank the women of the past who have made our life what it is today."

Stoddard began her remarks by saying, "They are the reason we enjoy the opportunities and freedoms we enjoy as women today. They, in part, give us our sense of who we are

and what we may become."

In speaking of these women who have gone before, Stoddard said she thinks not only of women who have taken a stand to right society's wrongs, but also of women who have sacrificed personal safety, comforts of home and security so their daughters could enjoy a better life.

In illustration, Stoddard introduced Kwajalein resident Evelyn Pierre-Mike and related the story of Evelyn's mother's struggle for her family, beginning in her homeland of Haiti. The story was told to her by Evelyn's son, Misha.

Evelyn's family lived in very comfortable circumstances in Haiti. Her father was a prominent citizen and a candidate for governor.

In the tide of political and economic unrest at the time, he was  
(See WOMEN'S, page 2)

# Small-town connections prove to be a big inspiration

I had connections when I bought my first car. I was *Tom's young'un*.

My dad and I pulled into Wallace Cobble Motors on West Main Street on that muggy May afternoon in '71. Mr. Cobble rambled over to us.

My eyes quickly swept the car lot. "Nothing cool on this lot," I thought.

Mr. Cobble knew I didn't need anything cool ... just something to drive back and forth to college. He gave me the tour, and treated me like a customer with purchasing power. We looked under hoods, and he offered details on former owners and odometer readings, original engines and stuff like that.

My Dad let me do the shopping, but he stayed within earshot ... following close behind ... sort of kicking the tires while he chewed his cigar.

Then it was time to talk money. I had no money. Mr. Cobble knew I had no money.

"What's your offer?" he asked.

"Well, Mr. Cobble," I babbled, "I need a car for college, but I have no money right now, but I have a job for the summer at ..."

"Good enough," he stopped me. "See that little Plymouth over there? I'll park it in the back of the lot and put a *sold* sign on it. You bring me



what you can every week, and when it's paid off, it's yours."

"But, don't you need a deposit or ...?"

He waved his big, weathered hand. "No, I know you're good for it."

"How much is that car?" I asked, as if I had bargaining power.

"You can have it for \$400, since you're Tom's young'un and all."

I had a car. And, suddenly, that clunky-looking blue Valiant was not so bad. And, suddenly, living in a small town was okay; where everyone knows everyone, and where being Tom's young'un gave me credibility and on-the-spot financing.

I worked all summer, screen-printing T-shirts and sweatshirts, earning

\$55 a week. Every Friday afternoon I took Mr. Cobble \$50, keeping five for mad money. Five bucks could buy a lot of madness in the early '70s.

As Mr. Cobble reached for his pencil and ledger to record my payment, he thanked me as if I had done him the huge favor.

When I took him my next to last payment, he handed me the keys.

I babbled again, "but ... I still owe ..."

"You take these keys and get your car clean and ready for college. I'll see you next Friday. I know you're good for it," he said. "You're one of Tom's young'uns. That old dawg raised good pups."

I haven't lived in my hometown or state since, so I don't know if the town's merchants still give its young people this kind of benefit of a doubt; a chance to prove themselves.

I hope so. I hope there are still business people like Mr. Cobble who believed in me just because I was Tom's young'un ... and a good pup.

## Women's Equality celebrated at luncheon ...

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captured one day by armed guards and taken from his family by the opposition.

When Evelyn left school that day, one of the nuns announced that some of the children would not be returning home to a father. Later, Evelyn realized the nun had been speaking to her.

Evelyn's mother was 31 and pregnant with her seventh child. Forced to find work for the first time, and with conditions worsening in Haiti, she finally emigrated to New York, leaving her seven children behind.

Over a period of seven years of

sacrifice and struggle, she set aside small amounts of money and brought her children to America one by one.

Wil Pierre-Mike's story is somewhat similar. Both mothers continued their sacrifice in America, often working several jobs, to provide education for their children.

"[These are] fearless, strong, determined, compassionate women who made a difference for generations of their posterity," Stoddard said. "I wish these women could have seen the pride in their grandson Misha's face as he shared their stories.

"I think the unique strength inherent to women comes from her intuition and then, having the courage to act on that intuition," she said.

Women's Equality Day is named for the day when, on Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote was certified as part of the U.S. Constitution.

In 1971 the U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as "Women's Equality Day." Women have observed the day annually with events that celebrate women's progress toward equality.

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**— Did You Know? —**

**Tune in next week, same ...**

CPN has certainly come a long way since the days of "Rock Happy Roger" as retold in today's *Hourglass*. The station's latest contribution to the community, "Window on the Atoll," can be relived via videotape, available for three-day checkout from the Grace Sherwood Library.

## New Community Activities staff fit right into jobs

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

Moving to Kwajalein took only 30 minutes for new Youth Sports supervisor Amber Morse when she arrived from Gugeegue. New Pools and Beaches coordinator Emilee Healing, arriving from Los Angeles, had a much longer trip.

No matter how long the trip to Kwaj, both arrived with the background and enthusiasm for their new Community Activities jobs.

"I'm really looking forward to teaching swimming classes and getting to know the kids, parents and teach-

ers," Healing said.

Healing worked as the assistant manager of Culver City's municipal pool for the past five years. Originally from Los Angeles, Healing studied art at Santa Monica Junior College. During high school and college, she was on the swim and track teams. In addition, Healing has six years of lifeguarding experience.

For the last two years, Morse has coached all the girls' sports, along with teaching science and other subjects, at Queen of Peace High School on Gugeegue. Originally from Vermont, Morse earned her degree in

environmental studies from Dartmouth College. She taught swimming and coached field hockey camps while in high school and college. Morse moved to Gugeegue to teach after Helen Claire Sievers sent a request for volunteer teachers to Dartmouth College.

"I hope to play to my strengths, which is working with teenagers. I want to really put a strong emphasis on the Youth Center, planning more activities for teenagers and for the younger kids," Morse said. "I hope to get a lot of public input on the Youth Center. I need to know what the kids and parents want there."

Call Morse at 53331 with suggestions for changes at the Youth Center.

The new members of Community Activities found out about the job openings from Simone Smead, Community Activities manager.

"I learned about the job through Simone. Now that I'm here, I'm really looking forward to learning everything about my job," Healing said.

Morse got to know everyone who worked at Community Activities during the two years she taught and coached at Queen of Peace High School.

"Everyone knew I was going to leave [Gugeegue]. Simone offered me the job," Morse said. "I really wasn't ready to leave my friends on Kwaj, Ebeye and Gugeegue, but I needed to earn some money. This worked out great."



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Amber Morse, left, Community Activities Youth Sports supervisor, and Emilee Healing, Community Activities Pools and Beaches coordinator, recently arrived on island.

## Automotive Services overhauling rental policy, hours

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

The Automotive Department is improving rental service over the weekends to provide a smoother ride for customers, according to Phillip "Smitty" Smith, Automotive Services superintendent.

Beginning Sept. 5, Automotive rental hours on the weekends will be 1½ hours later, at 7:30 a.m. rather than 6 a.m. Smith said the new time will allow staff to prepare rental vehicles and handle dispatch work. Currently, he said, employees don't

have enough time to make sure vehicles are charged, tires are inflated and so forth before a customer arrives.

Now, a sign-up sheet for rental will be outside the dispatch window at 6:30 a.m., and service will be given based on the order on the list, according to Smith. Anyone on the list who has not rented by 9 a.m. will be served on a first-come, first-served basis, Smith added.

"There may be changes to these procedures" if necessary, Smith said.

There are usually anywhere from

10 to 15 vehicles, mostly scooters, available for rental during the weekend, Smith said.

Rental hours between Tuesday and Saturday are 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dispatch hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the week and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays. You must be an island resident 21 years or older to rent a vehicle for personal use. A K-Badge and valid USAKA/KMR driver's license are required.

Questions? Call 53341 or 58502 for more information.

# Kwajalein still rocks after 56 years ...

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transmitter was powered at only 50 watts. In May of 1944 a call went out to several island military groups for anyone having radio broadcast experience.

The results were surprising. Within a few weeks an 11-man staff of radio-experienced personnel was put together. The new staff's backgrounds ranged from a radio station manager to a major league baseball announcer in addition to several well-known DJs and news announcers from radio stations throughout the U.S.

The programs were an instant success, with a daily schedule of music, a running commentary about sports and island events and, most importantly, the latest war and world news broadcast three times each day. WXLG became one of the biggest single morale boosters across much of the South Pacific. The Marshallese were also included when some Marshallese singers made live broadcasts, and later, recordings of their music. There was a weekly live amateur hour of local talent broadcast generally from the stage of the Richardson, a daily chaplain's program, interviews with notables in the passing USO shows and, of course, the canned and prerecorded shows like Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen, Jack Benny, Bob Hope and many more.

By February 1945, WXLG was able to boast a 13-hour, seven-day schedule, broadcasting from a new 1,000-watt transmitter located on Carlson Island. The station was dubbed "Radio Kwajalein - Crossroads of the Pacific." In 1946, during the nearby Bikini A-bomb tests, Admiral Blandy's staff named their atomic bomb tests Operation Crossroads after the WXLG name.

Of all the program entertainers, the most popular during the 1944-45 period was the daily DJ show by a young Army sergeant named Russell Beggs. His byline was "Rock Happy Roger" and his talk show was called "the Kwaj Lodge." He billed himself as the "maitre d'hotel - Kwaj Lodge." His two-hour show was broadcast every weekday just after the world news at noon. Like Cronauer's flashy pitch from Saigon years later, Beggs touched on all the laughable, sad or daily goof-ups on the huge base at Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, much to the delight of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel. There were no holds barred, and Beggs would lament about the dull daily "living on the rock." Beggs and his audience formed a club called the "Fraternal Order of the Rock Happy Residents of Kwajalein." Even today, many of my veteran friends from that era have told me it was Rock Happy Roger and his club that got them through the arduous daily routine on Kwajalein.



(Photo courtesy of Gene Sims)

USO showgirls visit with an unidentified disc jockey, possibly "Rock Happy Roger" Beggs, during a visit in 1945. WXLG was located in the Quonset hut pictured at left; the chapel can be seen at the right.

After WW II came to an end, WXLG settled down to a shorter broadcasting day. The airport at Roi-Namur was eventually closed, and most of the Army and Marine forces went home. The Navy took sole command of Kwajalein, with the Army Air Corps Military Air Command operating the terminal. The population dwindled until the Korean War started.

## WXLG - The 1950s

During the height of the Korean War, with the arrival and departure of military aircraft at all hours of the night and day, WXLG returned to a 17-hour-a-day broadcast schedule. The island became a busy refueling station for the many aircraft and ships en-route to or from Korea. Some new military residents were now being accompanied by their families, including children. There were several construction companies and a new logistics company, MidPac, on island.

By now, WXLG was boasting some 12,000 popular records, 3,500 semi-popular, more than 3,000 country and 2,500 classical in addition to a large inventory of religious hymns and Latin numbers.

In late 1953 and early 1954, the station was moved to its present location on the second floor of the new Recreation Services Building 805. Besides having new studios, the station also obtained much needed newer equipment. The biggest single improvement was a newer 1000-watt transmitter and antenna installed on Kwajalein.

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— Describing Russell  
“Rock Happy Roger” Beggs,  
whose show ran on WXLG, 1944-45

After the end of hostilities in Korea, the population on Kwajalein again began to dwindle down. By 1957 there were less than 1,000 people on Kwajalein, and the island base was put on the government surplus list. WXLG, or Armed Forces Radio Service, AFRS as it was now called, was on the air only a few hours a day.

**A New Beginning**

The fate of Kwajalein in 1957 vacillated back and forth after the island was considered a surplus military facility. In far off Huntsville, Ala., the U.S. Army rocket research team re-organized into a new group called the Army Ballistic Missile Agency. In October 1957, the Russians successfully launched Sputnik, and the ICBM space race was on. Within a year, the Army at White Sands, N.M., had made successful firings of the Nike-Ajax rocket. The Air Force was getting ready to launch a series of ICBMs from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. The call went out to set up a facility test site for Nike and other rockets against Atlas, Titan and Minuteman ICBMs. Kwajalein was given new life as it became part of the Navy-operated Pacific Missile Range.

By 1962, with the arrival of KREMS/Press staff at Roi and several Bell Telephone engineers with their families, the population of the little base at Kwajalein grew quickly. AFRS had a new life broadcasting seven days a week.

AFRS continued broadcasting world news 11 times daily, interspersed with new variety music and prerecorded network shows from AFRS Los Angeles.

1220 on the AM radio now had a new competitor with the addition of KVZH-FM. The FM idea was the result of several new residents wanting to listen to good background or classical music during the evenings and weekends.

In 1968, long-time Kwajalein resident Frank Bowling was able to buy the necessary FM equipment, paid for by private donations and proceeds from the Kwajalein carnival. Off-duty volunteers manned the new FM program schedule using a 100-watt transmitter mounted on Building 805.

During this same period, new arrivals on island brought their televisions and VCRs only to find there was no TV station at Kwajalein. A whole new pastime was started with the mailing of prerecorded tapes by mainland friends to Kwajalein residents. TV parties be-

came the social pastime, particularly when local residents watched a taped show, football games or World Series. Island residents wanted more than just a radio station. They wanted television broadcast from Kwajalein.

Jim Denny, the new AFRS station manager, came up with what was called "Mini-TV." By using tapes and a makeshift transmitter, TV programs were shown in specific areas like the Oceanview Club, Yokwe Yuk Club and the Teen Center. The TV programs only ran about 28 hours per week. Roi and Kwaj residents now clamored for a full-time network channel.

In the fall of 1978, the Mini-TV program was upgraded to a full-time channel 9. The station on Kwajalein had now passed from WXLG to a full-time television station with the designation of Armed Forces Radio and Television Network, or AFRTS - Kwajalein.

**Recent Years**

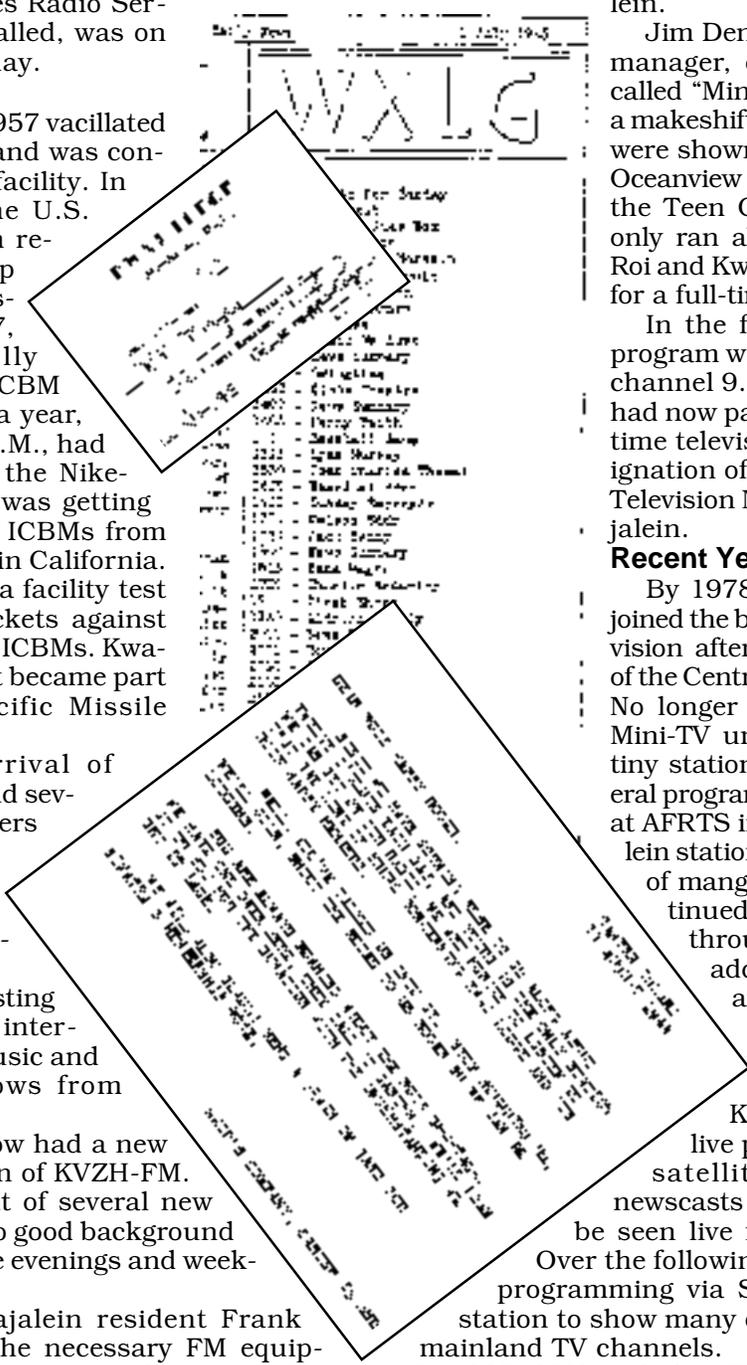
By 1978, AFRTS - Kwajalein had joined the big leagues of radio and television after the station became part of the Central Pacific Network, or CPN. No longer was the station called a Mini-TV unit. Within two years, the tiny station was rebroadcasting several programs each week, prerecorded at AFRTS in Los Angeles. The Kwajalein station, now under the guidance of manger Larry Malinowski, continued to improve programming throughout the 1980s with the addition of channel 13 for all and a channel 8 just for Roi-Namur.

By 1985, the addition of channel 13 allowed Kwajalein to receive some live programs via the SATNET satellite system. This meant newscasts and sporting events could be seen live from the U.S. mainland.

Over the following years the wide range of programming via SATNET has allowed the station to show many of the programs found on mainland TV channels.

In 1997, CPN, including Kwajalein, converted to the Armed Forces Network, which allowed the small station to be on a full-time satellite pick-up. Island residents were now able to see current news, the soaps and evening talk shows.

Certainly no one back in the days of WXLG ever envisioned the truly great AM/FM radio and television coverage on Kwajalein today. I wonder what Rock Happy Roger might have to say about that?



**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, 51296.**

**SECRETARY**, Education Department. Part time. Individual will be responsible for maintaining attendance and records, preparing correspondence and assisting the teaching staff. Must have knowledge of Windows, MS Word and databases. The selected individual will be required to go through a criminal background investigation.

**MAINTENANCE CONTROL SPECIALIST**, Automotive. Full time. Excellent computer skills and attention to detail required. Data entry experience preferred. Duties include research, data entry and records maintenance.

**KAPS AIDE**, Education Dept. Part time. Classroom assistant needed for preschool and school-age service programs. Responsibilities include assistance with snack preparation, food sanitation procedures, safety and supervision of children and active participation in a wide variety of recreational activities. Must possess a cheerful, energetic spirit and be able to work well with children. Criminal history background check 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.

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

**TEACHERS NEEDED** at Queen of Peace High School on Gugeegue. Full or part time. Stipend paid. Call Gwyne at 53721.

**SECURITY ASSISTANT**, USAKA/KMR, GS-07 level. For more information, call Terry Morton, 54417.

**WANTED**

**JULY ISSUE** of "Conde Nast Traveler" magazine to purchase. Call Carol at 54456.

**YOKWE YUK Women's Club** is collecting toys for the Headstart Program on Ujae. Anything for 5-year-olds — cars, trucks, dolls, building blocks, balls, crayons, etc. Deliver to Qtrs. 203-A or call Dianne at 55990 for more information.

**60 MINUTES TAPE** from Aug. 22 with segments on Bhutan and Israel that I'd like to use in my government class. Call Rick Fullerton at 54200H or 52011W.

**BOAT HOUSE**, Matson container for boat

house or partnership in a boat house. Basically need some space for a workshop. Call Tim at 52643.

**KEYBOARD IN** good condition, with stand. Call Yoconda at 52639.

**LOST**

**BLUE BIRKENSTOCK** sandals, at Emon Beach pavillion, at 7:30 a.m. on Aug. 22. Sentimental value. Reward offered. Call Kristen at 54364.

**FOUND**

**PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES** in a case on Ocean Road, just south of the airport on Aug. 22. Call 52864.

**ROCKET-SHAPED KICKBOARD**, green, at Emon Beach. Call 52517.

**CLASSES AND COURSES**

**KWAJALEIN DANCE** Association is offering children's ballet/jazz class, kindergarten through 12th grade. Registration will be on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the CRC Room 6 at 6 p.m. Questions? Call Karen at 53523.

**KWAJALEIN DANCE** Association is offering ballroom dance lessons in September. There will be an intro to foxtrot/waltz, swing and merengue and review classes for prior students. Call Donna at 53470, evenings, for more information.

**GIVEAWAY**

**ENTERTAINMENT CENTER**, large, for pickup ASAP. Call 53660.

**FOR SALE**

**55-GALLON TANK**, with accessories, custom top, pedestal and fish food, \$200; ladies' 4 1/2 soccer cleats, worn twice, \$20; 32" Penney's vinyl blinds, various colors, \$7 each. Call 52725.

**GOLF CLUBS**, Wilson Pro Staff irons and woods, \$100; scooter with hand brakes, \$30; various tricycles and young children's bikes, excellent condition, \$10 each. Call 52667.

**WINDOW BLINDS** to fit all windows for old housing units, \$50; 25-foot heavy duty garden hose, \$15. Call 53410.

**BABY CHANGING** table, \$50; diaper pail, \$5; security gates, \$10; bathtub seat, \$3; Mickey Mouse crib set, \$18; Mickey Mouse mobile, \$5; crib sheets, \$2; crib mattress pad, \$3; nursing pillow, \$3; rubber pants, \$1; walking shoes, \$3. Call 53585.

**BUNK BED**, white, twin mattresses on top, full size futon on bottom that converts to couch, great condition, \$275. Call 52526.

**PALAU DIVE** trip, two days, two dives each day, with lunch and drinks on the boat, trip good through June 2001. Make an offer. Call 52083.

**LARGE CERAMIC** flower pot, slow cooker pot, blender, answering machine, two-

**Tape Escape News**  
The 6 p.m. lottery for tapes at Tape Escape will be discontinued effective Sept. 1. Extra copies of reservation movies can be rented as they become available during the day.

speed body massager, chandelier for dining room. Call 52466.

**ENTERTAINMENT CENTER**, \$25; changing table, \$20. Call 54571.

**DOUBLE JOGGING** stroller, 1 year old, \$100. Call 52793.

**ISLANDER 40** motor-sailer, many extras, needs work. Call Eck at 56416W or 52607H.

**DACOR SEACHUTE BCD**, new, XL/XXL, used once but a little too large, paid \$300 will sell for \$250 or best offer. Call Tim at 52643.

**1996 YAMAHA Waveblaster II**, low miles, 90hp, looks and runs good, \$3,000. Fully-stocked boat house, \$3,000. Call John at 52860H or 54948W.

**FULL-SIZE MATTRESS** and box springs, never used, \$488. Call 54152.

**ARTS AND crafts** supplies by the Kwajalein Art Guild Sundays, from noon-1 p.m. at the Art Annex. Questions? Call Dana, 54216.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**FALL ADULT Softball** managers' meeting has been changed to 5 p.m. tomorrow at CRC Room 1 due to the Town Hall meeting that night. Questions? Call Ian at 53331.

**BOATING ORIENTATION** will next be held Monday, Sept 4, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in CRC Room 1. This is a one-day class. A two-day class will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 13-14, from 6 p.m. to 8

**The Micronesian Handicraft Shop**   
will resume normal business hours on Sept. 7

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

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p.m. in CRC Room 1. Attendance both nights is required. The fee is \$20, payable at the Small Boat Marina or Community Activities office. Questions? Call 53643.

PRAYER BREAKFAST for men will be Monday, Sept. 4, at 7 a.m. at the REB. Newcomers welcome.

KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY Band will begin 2000-02 concert season rehearsals Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. in the high school music room, and will rehearse weekly on Tuesdays, from September through May. Adults with previous band experience are encouraged to join. A limited number of school-owned instruments are available for loan to band members. Questions? Call Dick Shields at 51684H or 52011W.

LOST and FOUND items at the Millican Family Pool not claimed by Sunday, Sept. 3, will be donated to the Bargain Bazaar. Questions? Call Emilee at 52847.

SCHOOL-AGE SERVICES Open House is Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Visit the before- and after-school program. Learn about the school-age program accreditation process. Questions? Call 52158.

KWAJALEIN JUNIOR/SENIOR Back-to-School night will be Friday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. Letters will be sent home to parents with details. Report to the MP Room for a 10-minute assembly beforehand.

SCHOOL PICTURES at the high school will be taken Friday, Sept. 8. Letters and forms will be mailed home to parents.

DON'T WORRY about food or beverages for the Labor Day celebration at Emon Beach Monday, Sept. 4. Sodexo Marriott will take care of all your needs. Sales begin at noon.

RECYCLE PAPER or plastic bags by donating them to the Micronesian Handicraft Shop.

WOMEN'S BIBLE study, "To Live in Christ," a study of the life and ministry of Paul by Beth Moore, will be Friday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. in the REB. Child care is available. Questions? Call Lora at 54186.

MOPS (MOTHERS of Preschoolers) is back with a meeting Thursday, Sept. 21, from 8:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the REB. All moms of children ages 5 and under are welcome to attend. There is a program for the children. Questions? Call Lora at 54186.

FIFTH-GRADE BEGINNING Band meetings will be held Thursday, Aug. 31, and Friday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school music room. Fifth-graders interested in playing in the school band and their parents are invited to meet with the band director and a representative of a music store at one of these meetings. Band participation and arrangements for ob-

taining a band instrument will be discussed.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA Club's September trip to Namu has been cancelled. Trip planners apologize for any inconvenience. Stay tuned for future events. Questions? Call Darryl at 54797.

THURSDAY NIGHT Women's Bowling League will start Sept. 21. Bowlers must come by 6 p.m. for a meeting on the first night. Anyone interested can sign up at the Bowling Center or call Elena at 53397 or Dolly at 53534.

MONDAY NIGHT Mixed Bowling Winter League will start Sept. 11. Anyone interested can sign up at the Bowling Center. Bowlers must come by 5:15 p.m. on the first bowling night for a meeting. Call Elena or Harry at 53397 or 56987 for more information.

FALL SOFTBALL scorekeepers' clinic will be held Friday, Sept. 1, at 5 p.m. in the library conference room. Fall softball officials' clinic will be held Friday, Sept. 1, at 6 p.m. in the library conference room. Get involved in the community and make some extra money. No experience required. Questions? Call Ian at 53331.

VETERINARIAN WILL be on island through Sept. 1. The Vet clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during that time. Call ahead at 52017 to get on the waiting list.

ECUADOR IS the topic of a presentation by Cherith Rydbeck, resident of Quito, on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. at Qtrs. 227-A. Public is welcome. Questions? Call June at 53481.

LABOR DAY Beach Volleyball tournament will be held Monday, Sept. 4, all day at Emon Beach. Anyone in seventh grade or older can play. Registration is \$10 per team. Register your four- or two-man teams at the Community Activities office no later than Sept. 1.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA Club-sponsored Project AWARE will conduct an islandwide cleanup on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for most trash collected above and below the water. Refreshments will be served. Inter-

**KWAJALEIN TOWN HALL** meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in CAC Room 6. The **ROI-NAMUR TOWN HALL** meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in C Building.

ested groups or individuals meet at the tankhouse or call Steve at 52517.

CHERITH RYDBECK is the guest speaker at the Christian Women's Fellowship meeting Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. in CAC Room 6. Public is invited. Questions? Call June at 53481.

KWAJALEIN ART Guild Holiday Bazaar applications are located on the mini-mall bulletin board. Call Dana, 54216.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST meets Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in CRC Room 1. Bible classes are Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., in CRC Room 6.

AMERICAN LEGION will be serving a spaghetti dinner on Sept. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the mini-mall Monday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. Adult tickets are \$6 and children's tickets are \$4.

AS PART of the Customer Satisfaction Feedback Program, Raytheon Quality Assurance personnel will be conducting telephone interviews to obtain your opinions about the services provided by Surfway, Ten-Ten and Gimbel's. Customers will be randomly selected. If you should receive a call, we encourage and appreciate your participation. Your responses will help us determine your satisfaction with our services. The results of this survey will be published in the *Hourglass* following the analysis of data. Questions? Call Jonathan Jackson, RSE Quality Assurance, at 51506.

YOUTH FALL registration for basketball and kickball is currently being taken until Sept. 2 by Community Activities. Fee is \$20 per child. Questions? Call Amber at 53331.

*Youth Basketball . . .*

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**Coaches' meetings**

**Wednesday, Sept. 6, CRC Room 1**

5 p.m. Pee Wee (second and third grades)

6 p.m. Junior Girls (fourth through sixth grades)

7 p.m. Junior Boys (fourth through sixth grades)



**Skills Assessment Clinic**

**Thursday, Sept. 7, CRC Gym**

4:45 p.m. Pee Wee (second and third grades)

6:15 p.m. Junior Girls (fourth through sixth grades)

7:45 p.m. Junior Boys (fourth through sixth grades)

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**In Search of the Castaways (G)**

Based on Jules Verne's novel, "Captain Grant's Children," this Disney film follows the adventures of two children in search of their long-missing father, a ship's captain. Their search takes them to South America and Australia, and along the way they're bedeviled by the gunrunner who set their father adrift. (Hayley Mills, Keith Hamshere, Jack Gwillim) (98 minutes)  
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**October Sky (1999, R)**

The true story of Homer H. Hickam Jr., who escaped his West Virginia coal mining town to become a NASA engineer. Inspired by the launch of Sputnik, Homer and his buddies build their own rocket in an effort to win a prestigious science fair award, overcoming many obstacles along the way. (Jake Gyllenhaal) (103 minutes)  
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**Stargate (PG-13)**

In Egypt, archaeologists uncover a gigantic stone ring that, decades later, is found to be an interplanetary nexus. A scientist and Army officer head up a military expedition through the Stargate, which leads them to a strange desert planet ruled by an alien dictator and his jackal-helmeted minions. (Kurt Russell, James Spader) (119 minutes)  
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

**Sunday**

**The Blackboard Jungle (Classic, 1955)**

A gritty look inside an inner city high school and the efforts of one teacher who tries to reach out to his students. Soundtrack includes "Rock Around the Clock." (Glenn Ford, Sidney Poitier, Ann Francis) (110 minutes)  
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Stargate (PG-13)**

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

**October Sky (New Release, R)**

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**In Search of the Castaways (G)**

Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

**Monday**

**In Search of the Castaways (G)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**October Sky (New Release, R)**

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**Army Space Command runs NMD exercise**

By Tom Mahr

Joint National Test Facility public affairs

SCHRIEVER AFB, Colo. — U.S. Army Space Command organized a joint Battle Planning Exercise this month for the nation's missile defense system.

The exercise was the eighth in a series of exercises sponsored by the U.S. Space Command to fine-tune its battle management command, control and communications system. It was held at the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's Joint National Test Facility.

"Today's exercise had two purposes," explained Army Maj. Tom Anderson of U.S. Army Space Command's plans division. "Our first goal was to examine the importance and impact of the rules of engagement" to defend North America against ballistic missile threats.

"Our second goal was to give those of us in the operational community a chance to practice making critical operational decisions using the current version of the NMD (National Missile Defense) battle management software," he added.

The exercise brought NMD operators from USSPACECOM, the North Atlantic Aerospace Defense Command or NORAD, Air Force Space Command, USARSPACE and the Army National Guard with a number of DoD and contractor members of the "developer" team for discussions and exercises using the prototype NMD battle management command and control software.

At the end of the day, many participants had discovered just how valuable it is for operators and developers to discuss the "rules of the game," especially when dealing with something as serious as defending North America against missile attacks.

"As an NMD warfighter, it is especially important to understand the big picture so I can best apply my skills in the fire direction center," said Army Capt. Sean Johnson of the North Dakota Army National Guard.

Johnson, Army Maj. Kevin Iverson and Army Staff Sgt. Reed Unterseher represented the North Dakota Army Guard, while Army Sgt. 1st Class Bill Amidon represented the Alaskan Army National Guard. North Dakota and Alaska are the two states that are most likely to operate the ground-based portion of an NMD system, if a decision is made to deploy one.

The Joint National Test Facility is BMDO's premier modeling, simulation and test center, officials said. The JNTF is focused on interservice, interoperability and integration aspects of the nation's national and theater missile defense programs.

Lt. Col. Stephen Sovaiko, assigned to NORAD/USSPACECOM's Cheyenne Mountain Operation Center, summed up his experience: "This exercise was important because it focused our attention on ways the national command authorities might use a national missile defense system to counteract a wide range of possible threats to North America, both intentional and accidental."

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



**Tonight:** Scattered showers and a possible thunderstorm.  
**Winds:** Southwest at 7 to 13 knots, with gusts to 30 knots near showers.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny with widely scattered showers.  
**Winds:** Southwest at 7 to 13 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 77°  
Tomorrow's high 86°  
**August rain total:** 12.02"  
**Annual rain total:** 55.87"  
**Annual deviation:** -1.71"  
Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.  
Forecasts available online: [www.kmr-wx.com](http://www.kmr-wx.com)

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday August 29	0641/1900	0610/1855	0402, 6.2' 1627, 5.3'	1025, 0.3' 2224, 0.4'
Wednesday August 30	0641/1859	0709/1946	0440, 6.3' 1703, 5.5'	1100, 0.2' 2302, 0.3'
Thursday August 31	0641/1859	0804/2034 <b>New moon</b>	0516, 6.2' 1736, 5.6'	1132, 0.2' 2338, 0.4'
Friday September 1	0641/1858	0858/2119	0550, 5.9' 1809, 5.5'	1203, 0.4'