

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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## Safety first philosophy taken on the road

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

What do a couple of trailer fires, a head-on collision between vehicles and a truck backing into a C-130 have in common? They were all incidents over the last six months that moved the command to declare a USAKAwide safety stand-down Saturday.

Throughout the day, workers around the command and range stopped work to discuss recent incidents, potential hazards and solutions for a safer workplace.

"This is a good chance to refocus on safety," said Tom Webber, USAKA/KMR Safety Office chief. "We want people to take a look at their workplace and the community, and notify someone."

Workers who were unable to meet Saturday for whatever reason will meet over the next two weeks.

Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., USAKA/  
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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Col. Curtis L. Wrenn, USAKA/KMR commander, looks over safety reports with Automotive Department personnel during a safety stand-down meeting Saturday.

### Teen barred in residential break-in; other cases still under investigation

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

A 16-year-old male dependent on Kwajalein received a permanent bar from USAKA/KMR for his part in a December break-in of a residence in New Housing, which also involved underage drinking. Administrative action against a second teen who allegedly took part in the incident is pending.

"They knew the people whose house they broke into," said Kent Duncan, USAKA/KMR legal officer.

Entry into the house over the Christmas holiday was made through a door, though the pair did not cause any more mischief once inside the house, nor was anything taken, according to Duncan. Apparently, he said, drinking had been involved.

The family was away on vacation at the time of the break-in. The teens were found asleep in the house.

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### Kwaj Lodge opens doors to PSCing personnel, visitors

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

Two problems with living on Kwajalein — the requirement to have quarters inspected just before PSCing, even if a plane delay occurs, and finding room for family and friends to visit — are being eased thanks to the Army Performance Improvement Criteria implementation.

If any of the 108 rooms at the Kwaj Lodge and Building 704 are not filled with TDY or mission-essential personnel, they now can be used by PCSing residents and unofficial visitors, said Susan Kleback, Housing Services superintendent and APIC Transient Housing process owner.

Kleback and her Transient Housing APIC team presented their final recommendations

for reducing costs and improving customer satisfaction to Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., USAKA/KMR commander, and island site managers Friday morning.

The change as to who can use transient rooms hinged on a USAKA regulation. When the request was made to change the regulation, the team was met with a surprise.

"We asked, could we open the lodge to on-island visitors with 480 forms [unofficial visitor forms]," Kleback said, adding that USAKA officials told her that the regulation could be amended.

TDY and mission-essential personnel have first priority for the rooms. Second priority goes to PCSing personnel, fol-

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# Getting older ain't for sissies ... hey, where's my iron pill?

I would like to say a few words about growing older but I can't.

They couldn't be printed here.

Lately my knee has been killing me.

A car wreck, a horse falling over on me, surgery and my knee is toast. They don't make knees like they used to.

So I went to the hospital to seek relief for the pain. I'm thinking a few anti-inflammatories and I'll be good as new, right? Wrong!

The good doctor looks at me, puts his hand on my shoulder and asks the dreaded question, "How old are you?"

I tell him to guess. But damn, he has my chart!

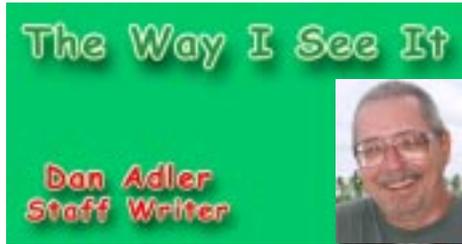
He gets this sad look on his face and says very dolefully, "You know, at your advanced age, your knee is never going to be the same as it was when you were twenty."

Well geez doc, thanks for the freakin' revelation!

There are a few things that aren't the same as when I was twenty:

I didn't have hair growing out of my ears.

I didn't have to ask, "What did you say?" over and over.



I didn't have to trim my nose hair. My eyebrows didn't look like briar patches.

I could get in and out of an easy chair without grunting and wheezing like I'd just run a marathon.

I could work all day and party all night without being rushed to Intensive Care.

I could sleep a whole night without having to go to the bathroom even once.

My bedtime was past 10 p.m.

I actually saw the New Year in. If only it didn't happen at midnight all the time. Why not 9 p.m. or so?

I could look at an attractive 30-year-old woman and not think, "I'm old enough to be her father." She would have been "an older woman."

If someone passed away at 45, I thought, "Well, they were old."

The young fella that's my boss didn't exist.

I could mow the lawn without rest

stops.

I can only go to the beach for 45 minutes, that's as long as I can hold my stomach in.

I could grow my hair long without every strand being gray.

I had hair to grow long.

I could read a street sign from more than five feet away.

I could eat anything I wanted without gaining weight.

The five food groups were french fries, hamburgers, ketchup, hotdogs and beer.

My wife never asked me if I took my fiber today.

I could look straight down and see my feet.

The only spare tire I had was on my car.

Young girls didn't call me "Sir." They called me plenty of other things, but not "Sir."

I could have watched "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" without feeling stupid. (Well, maybe.)

The Playmate of the Year that year is now a grandmother!

Anybody who was the age I am now isn't around anymore.

I could wake up mornings without some part of my body saying "Hello, I'm going to hurt you all day."

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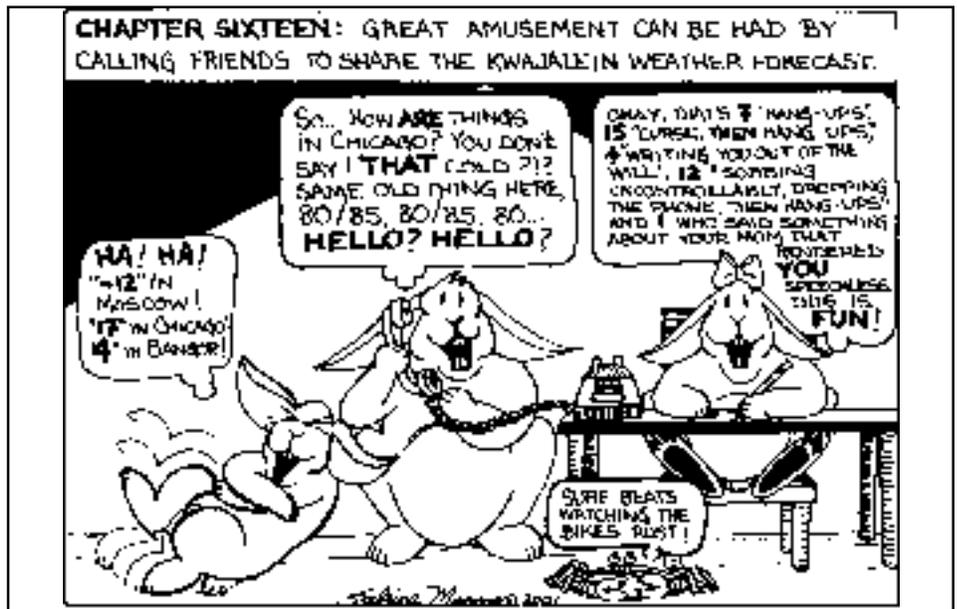
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## Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



## Getting older isn't what it's cracked, ouch!, up to be ...

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I didn't know what AARP was. Modern Maturity wasn't exactly my first choice of magazines to subscribe to. (No centerfolds you know.)

I could go up two flights of stairs without needing oxygen.

I wasn't trying to figure out what my social security payments would be.

I wouldn't pay attention to ads that say "Past the age of so-and-so, you need this and that medical tests (which are variations of medieval tortures) done." By the way, when a doctor says "minor discomfort," you better get ready to hurt like you've never hurt before.

I didn't ask, "Do you give senior citizen discounts?"

And last, but not least, I could have figured out a Palm Beach County voting ballot.

Many moons ago, I remember that the year 2001 was discussed in our classroom.

We talked about all the scientific and medical advances that would have come about by then. Space travel would be routine and there would be colonies on the moon and beyond. It was a far-off time, so long away.

It took a lot of ciphering and concentration on my part, but I figured out how old I would be then.

I thought, "Shoot, that'll never happen. I'll never be that old."

It's pretty sobering to be here.

But in growing older's defense, I will have to say it beats the alternative.

Well, I have to stop now. It's time to take my iron pills, do two pushups and take a nap.

I hope I'm still complaining about getting older in another 20 years.

Hope to see you then.

## Rooms to be more eco friendly in future ...

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lowed by unofficial visitors, family members and friends.

Kleback emphasized that TDY or mission-essential personnel always take preference. "You can reserve it, but the resident has to understand that this is as space allows. Anyone who is bumped due to mission or TDY requirements will get a personal phone call, she added.

More than 300 additional transient beds are available in the Pacific BQ for use only by TDY or mission-essential personnel.

The use of extra rooms for PCSing personnel benefits both residents and Housing Services, Kleback said.

"Let's say the day of your final inspection is on Saturday," Kleback said. "You've got your inspection and handed in your keys. Now the plane is delayed. You can come down here and get a key and go through the whole process again ... until your plane leaves, or you can go down to the [Kwaj Lodge] and get a room."

Use of the transient rooms for PCSing is very important for everyone who lives on the island.

"When we PCS, we will have to move out two or three weeks ahead," said Sheila Wrenn, Transient Housing team member. "[The Kwaj Lodge] will work well for us."

The new policy is also expected to make it easier for residents to host family and friends.

"It's tight quarters for everyone out here for the most part," Kleback said. "You want to be with [your visitors], but you don't want to be with them 24 hours a day, seven days a week. [They] can go back to their room and rent movies ... take a nap or walk the island ... everyone gets a little space."

Adult visitors can be housed at the Kwaj Lodge and Building 704, while families are restricted to the Kwaj Lodge. Occupancy runs about 80 to 90 percent, except during missions, when all rooms are occupied, according to Kleback. "But over holidays, occupancy is very low."

The new policy has already generated interest. The Kwaj Lodge is receiving reservations through June.

Besides retooling transient hous-

ing occupancy rules, the team attempted to streamline the entire operation by visiting with employees.

"We got the picture that [transient housing] was working one way," explained team member Sheila Wrenn. "When we talked to the employees, we found out it worked other ways."

Said Kleback, "[We] empowered employees to make suggestions on their own without prompting. Ask the employee what they want to do their job better, they are going to tell you — and they did. We took their ideas, and where possible we implemented them."

Changes include follow-up calls and survey sheets for guest feedback, more staff available for guests' needs and EcoCards. The card informs each guest of how often the sheets, towels and dishes are changed or cleaned and how to request new towels. The idea is to conserve water and energy and reduce the use of the laundry facility.

A dedicated phone line for credit card payment of room charges has been approved by the command and should speed up check-in.

Carol Eaton, USAKA Housing evaluator and APIC team member, said a phone package for credit card use at the Kwaj Lodge, Macy's and other retail facilities is on the way.

Express check-in, checkout and bicycle rental will be some of the guest services implemented in the future with a new hotel software program, Kleback said. She explained that a site survey is scheduled this month, and the software should be installed by the end of April.

Valentine's Day, anniversary or other special get-away packages, which may even include a dinner or gourmet basket, are being looked at as possible additions to transient housing services, Kleback said.

Roi-Namur is also in the process of adding the EcoCard and other new procedures and guest services to its transient housing, she added.

"Susan is already starting to use [the APIC] process on COOMS. I want her to call me to help ... this process is very empowering," said Dianne Morris, Transient Housing team member.

## MIMS is a window on the entire acquisition process ...

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that finance, FOM, purchasing and accounts payable, among other departments, will all be on the KEAMS system along with supply.

"We have acquired and deployed an enterprise system not just a supply system," he added.

Knowing the status of an item — whether it is being processed by Burlington, Mass., or Richmond, Calif., or is on the barge — is a major benefit.

Visibility is a key feature of the new process, from knowing what has been ordered to where it is in the system, according to Earl Davis, RSE Supply and Transportation manager.

"When the barge arrives, we will know what is com-

ing in and how much space we will need in the warehouses to store the products," Davis explained. "Visibility of what is in the pipeline is key in the logistics business."

Paul Fritz, RSE Vending/Laundry manager, agreed on the importance of visibility, "[KEAMS provides a] more hands-on feel for the orders and when they are coming in. It shifts the responsibility to us to make sure we have [items] coming in ... to meet the island functions. [We can] check to see what our other managers are doing — did they order for Easter and are they ordering the appropriate amount of stuff."

John Wallace, RSE site manager, said he sees big changes now and in the

future of how off-island contacts will be affected.

"I'm looking for substantial changes off-island," Wallace said. "Because the way we ordered before, data flowed from here to another system back in CONUS. Now, we have all the data in one system. Everyone in the process will now be looking at the same data. This removes delay time and translation errors from the process. This new system is faster and more accurate. That's what we're looking for — efficiency."

One goal is to have local people certified for low-dollar item procurement directly from vendors.

"Let the off-island buyers focus on the high-dollar, high-value, subcontract type issue rather than the

mundane catalog-type item," Wallace said.

Another goal is to have a catalog that buyers can order anything from and that is pre-approved, Wallace added.

Change can be difficult, and transitioning to KEAMS from Gold+ will create its share of difficulties.

"When a major system change occurs, people are naturally fearful that they may not be fully trained to do their job," Savage said. "Angie and [her team] have trained hundreds of people through the initial training. Concentrated training will continue through the first quarter at least, and there will be on-going training as required throughout the life of the system."

## Morris barred after found with drugs, paraphernalia ...

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Duncan said the 16-year-old has previously been in front of the Juvenile Review Board. His actions this time around violated Hawaii Revised Statutes, section 708-823 (Burglary in the Second Degree), HRS, Section 281-101.5 (Prohibitions Regarding Minors) and USAKA/KMR Regulation 210-21 (Control of Alcohol on

USAKA/KMR).

An investigation is still underway regarding a break-in at Surfway around the same time. Duncan said it appears juveniles may have been involved in this break-in, as well. After reportedly breaking a window, the alleged perpetrators made away with four bottles of wine and five cartons of cigarettes.

Authorities are also pursuing a case of a vending machine theft at the CRC allegedly involving teens.

Duncan said crime on Kwajalein is never secret.

"Somebody is going to see you," Duncan said. "This is a small island."

Most cases involving juveniles are turned over to the Juvenile Review Board. The JRB, made up of three site managers who rotate out, handles each incident case by case, according to Duncan.

And lately, there have been a relatively large number of cases, including two teens who were disciplined by the JRB in unrelated incidents involving underage drinking and graffiti.

"This is unusual," Duncan said of the recent spate of juvenile-related crime. "We had a few last year, but not so many."

### Morris found with drugs

In an unrelated case, Richard Morris, a USAKA/KMR contractor employee, was permanently barred following the discovery of drugs and drug paraphernalia, specifically a pipe, at his residence in late November.

Morris told police the drugs had come from Ebeye, but Duncan said there was no evidence as to a source. He actions violated 18 United States Code, Section 113 (Assaults), HRS, Section 707-712 (Assault in the Third Degree), and HRS, Section 329-43.5a (Prohibited Acts Related to Drug Paraphernalia).

A person who receives an administrative bar must leave Kwajalein and may not reenter while the bar is in effect. It is not a criminal sanction and its result usually occurs much quicker than would a criminal case in the federal court system, according to Duncan.

### Jeramon non kom

"Jeramon non kom" is the Marshallese way to say, "Goodbye and good luck friends."

Returning to Huntsville, Ala., today are **Jeffrey** and **Deborah Hensley** and daughters **Victoria** and **Emmaleigh**.

Jeffrey worked for Raytheon as an engineer at Tradex. In Huntsville, he will work for Scientific Atlanta as an ASIC Design Engineer.

"Kwajalein has been an awesome experience for us. We've made some great friends that we will really miss," say the Hensleys in farewell.

## Commander reviews island's safety procedures ...

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KMR commander, spent much of the day traveling from shop to shop checking in on safety meetings and asking questions.

A brief stop at the Kwajalein Police Department yielded a discussion on everything from officer safety and the use of deadly force to bicycle safety and stepped up enforcement of regulations within the community.

Walking outside the department with Webber, Wrenn spotted a pair of men loading a portable crane into the back of a truck.

"What are you tying that down with?" Wrenn asked.

Turns out, the men intended to drive with one sitting in the back, holding the crane in the truck bed.

"That's just guys doing something they were told to do, and they've always been doing it that way," Wrenn said.

Dropping in on the Marine Department, the majority of whom had gathered on board the *Jelang K*. Port Captain Bob Babcock led the review of recent incidents — in one case an Oct. 17 fire at the Pacific BQ in which a visiting soldier left a T-shirt on a lamp to dim the light. The soldier later left the room, forgetting the T-shirt, and the heat from the lamp ignited the shirt. No one was hurt and the fire was



(Photo by John Koehler)

**A "Follow Me" truck slipped back into reverse and hit the nose of an Air Force C-130 refueling at Kwajalein on Dec. 30. The truck had not been properly parked.**

quickly doused.

But based on the discussion, sailors continued to talk about class C fires, or electrical fires, on ships and how each crew should review the fire fighting procedures on a regular basis. In fact, crews review fire procedures weekly.

"That's exactly what we were hoping for," Webber said. "Not every example is going to apply, but there's

something in all of these that triggers something else."

RSE Safety joined the fray, setting up a booth at the mini-mall to catch residents during the lunch hour.

Officials said residents can look for more interest in safety this year, as well, as the focus shifts from workplace to the community life, too.

"Safety is everyone's responsibility," Webber said.

### ***The proverbial 'straw' — collisions forced stand down***

A recent rash of incidents — a head-on collision on Dec. 29 and another collision between a truck and a C-130 on Dec. 30 — pushed the command to issue the stand-down as a reminder of safety procedures.

"We have good safety programs in place," said Rudy Gil of the USAKA Safety Office. "The majority of incidents occur because people are not following the procedures in place."

The latest collision involved an Air Force C-130 refueling at Kwajalein while enroute from Honolulu to Okinawa. A "Follow Me" truck stopped on the flight line in front of the airplane.

After putting the truck in park, the operator got out of the vehicle, leaving the engine on and failing to put down chock blocks around the wheels. The truck slipped back into reverse and rammed the nose of the aircraft.

"We're very blessed no one was hurt," said John Koehler, Aviation safety officer.

Koehler went on to outline the damages to the special mission aircraft, saying the truck caused about \$300,000 damage to the fiberglass radome on the nose of the plane, just an inch shy of striking a \$2.1 million camera below the radome and a \$1.4 million radar dish behind the radome.

Crews repaired the plane Jan. 1 and returned to Okinawa Jan. 2.

Aviation Manager Lott Lawson agreed the department's safety procedures are solid.

"The Air Force safety team made the comment that the procedures we had in place were outstanding. They just need to be followed," Lawson said.

Gil said USAKA has not had a lost-time accident in two years and Raytheon, the primary contractor on the island, has reduced its accident rate 47 percent in the last year and a total of 80 percent since 1997.

— Jim Bennett

## Classified Ads and Community Notices

**HELP WANTED**

**The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Andrea, 53705.**

**STOREKEEPER**, Ten-Ten. Part time. Will be responsible for clerical and administrative tasks. Must have excellent interpersonal communication skills and be available to work weekends and evenings. Computer and supervisory experience preferred.

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

**WANTED**

**LAPTOP**, low end. Call 50949 or 52555.

**BIKE FOR 5-year-old**, to buy. Call 51308.

**PATIO COVER** for old housing. Call 54641.

**WORN-OUT Burley or trailer**. Call 50163.

**KENNEL** for cat or small dog. Need before Feb. 15. Call 52512 after 5 p.m.

**CONVECTION OVEN**. Call 52374.

**LOST**

**WATCH**, Dec. 23. Call Amy, 51145.

**FOUND**

**BIKE** in front of Qtrs. 491-B Dec. 31. Call 53523.

**BOOMERANG** at Emon Beach. Call 54643.

**SERVICES OFFERED**

**BABY-SITTING**. Responsible and experienced 18-year-old available almost any time. Multiple children OK. Weekly jobs preferred. References available upon request. For more information, call 52204.

**DOG WALKING**. Call 52648.

**FOR SALE**

**ENTERTAINMENT CENTER**, \$175; ladies Kwaj-condition bike, \$25. Call 52648 or 52576.

**PCS SALE**. Area carpets for trailer, medium to light beige, available end of January, \$25 each; book: "The Complete Aquarium Problem Solver," new, \$10; large to small driftwood pieces; garden tools; house plants, \$5-\$15; huge Boston fern; small ferns; large hibiscus; large and small bougainvilleas; banister plants and vines; various plants. Call 54509.

**ENTERTAINMENT CENTER** with glass door top shelf to include a 27" TV, Hi-Fi, VCR, audio/video control center and four speakers, \$1,100; La-Z-Boy sleeper couch, \$500; easy rocker chair, \$150; easy chair, \$50; end table, \$25 or best offer. Call Gary, 53396H or 52098W.

**BARBIE** digital camera with software, \$20; Disney stroller, \$25; stroller sun umbrella, \$4; potty chair, \$8; baby float, \$5; aqua inflatable tube swim aid, brand new, \$6;

wooden microwave stand, \$8; child's bike seat, paid \$70, will sell for \$28. Call 53489.

**HEALTHY PLANTS**, many flowering, large patio size to small counter size, \$1-\$45. Stop by Tr. 729 after 5 p.m. weekdays or anytime weekends.

**PENN FISHING** pole and reel, snorkeling gear, glider rocking chair, artificial Christmas tree, tree stand, king-size blanket and duvet cover. Call 50949 or 52555.

**DELL LATITUDE** laptop with Intel celeron 300 Mhz processor, 10 GB hard drive, 64 RAM, 56K modem, extra external battery pack, CD/3.25 floppy, Windows and Office 98, PageMaker 5.5, leather carrying case, \$700. Call 54228.

**LADIES HUFFY** bike, blue, available Jan. 8, \$30; girls 12" pink bike, excellent condition, available Jan. 8, \$30; doormats, \$5 each; four rooms of carpet at various prices; bedrail, \$10; backpack child carrier and stroller in one, \$75; Burley, available Jan. 8, \$80. Call 52496.

**SONY FIVE-CD** player, \$95; boys bikes, Kwaj-condition, one without seat, \$10-\$20; ivory sculptured 12' x 15' carpet, like new, \$50; silver and gray 6' x 9' carpet, \$15; Maytag portable dishwasher, one year old, \$450; kids adjustable rollerblades, size 13-2, \$10; seafoam green and white scarf curtains/sheers, \$375; cream mini-blinds: 27½" x 68", 27½" x 52", 28¼"x72", \$10 each. Call 54643.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE**: Mens Huffy Zeta with front suspension fork, brand new condition, with accessories, \$150; Playstation 2 video games, \$50 each; Playstation 2 vertical stand, \$25; Playstation 2 horizontal stand, \$15; Playstation 2 memory card, 8

MB, \$30. Amana Radar Range convection/microwave, like new, \$275 firm. Call 54827.

**BURGUNDY CARPET**, 12' x 15', \$40; blinds for 400 series two-bedroom housing, white and hunter green, various prices. Call 52280.

**BURGUNDY AND HUNTER** aluminum blinds for 400 series housing \$10; Burgundy and hunter green carpets, \$15-\$25; Pennsylvania House living room set (sofa, chair, brass and glass coffee and end tables), \$800; regulator, \$100; new dive lights and wetsuits, one-half off; many small appliances and household items. Call Michelle, 52860.

**BANJO** with instruction book and CD-ROM, \$90; "Far Side" spiral-bound 2001 desk calendar, \$10. Call 54321 or 54879.

**TOASTMASTER** toaster oven/broiler with automatic breadmaker, \$125 or best offer; Conair Hot Sticks travel curlers and Clairol Lock 'n Roll curlers, \$15 each or best offer. Call 57142W or 54337H.

**TWO** very large potted banana plants (four plants per pot), one with fruit, \$30. Call 52682 after 5 p.m. or leave a message.

**PCS SALE**. Microwave, \$125; dehumidifier, \$125; VCR, \$100; bike, \$80; burley, \$100; scuba gear, \$750; Sony boombox, \$50; ceramic supplies and carrying case, \$40; fan, \$20; vacuum, \$60; various rugs, \$5-\$20; all prices negotiable. Call Sandy, 53159.

**LASER CHALLENGE** Radar Extreme, \$25; Britney Spears fashion doll, \$10 (both unopened in original box); two boys bikes: 24" Gary Fisher, 20" aluminum frame, used but not Kwaj-condition, \$50 each. Call 52115.

**ROCKER/RECLINER**, \$200; large book shelves, \$50; wicker trunk set, \$25; com-

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9 a.m.-3 p.m.Tuesday, Jan. 16,  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.Huge additional markdowns!  
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for men and women at  
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Thursdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.Orders for rosewood furniture  
are being taken at the  
Retail Office, Building 708,  
through Saturday, Feb. 3.  
Questions? Call 53308.

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puter desk, \$70; kids climbing fort, \$75; Hot Wheels car mountain, \$10; assorted dive gear: knives, snorkels, bags and more, make an offer. Call 51618 or 54747.

BOYS BIKE, Kwaj-condition, \$20. Call 52349.

KENNEL, FAA-approved, fits medium-size dog, \$65. Call 52512 after 5 p.m.

PATIO TARP, 16' x 20', boxed, never used, \$60; two white mini-blinds, 32" x 64", \$5 each. Call 52648.

BABY SWING, \$10; diaper Genie with two refills, \$8; car seat, \$5; baby carrier, \$10; bouncing chair, \$8; Graco travel stroller, \$30; all in good condition. Call Karla, 53731.

PCS SALE. Microwave, \$80; mens mountain bike, \$75; womens bike, \$20; Cannondale bike trailer, \$75; Food Saver vacuum system, \$40; vacuum cleaner, \$60; ironing board, \$15. Call 53887.

PORTABLE GE dishwasher, brand new, \$425. Call 50163.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

MILITARY TRICARE information briefing will be Jan. 31, 4:30-6 p.m., in CAC Room 7. Find out about entitlements and benefits available to military retirees overseas. RSVP to Lucienne DeMeo, 53400.

SHARE YOUR arts and crafts skills and make some pocket money. Kwajalein Art Guild is looking for people to teach beading, basket making, tole painting, drawing or other crafts. Evening or afternoon classes or a one-day workshop. Call Karen, 51391 after 5 p.m.

SCHOOL ADVISORY Council will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room. Public is invited.

MAKING ROOM for new gifts? Donations to the Christian Women's Fellowship Silent Auction may be taken to Qtrs. 126-E. Questions? Call June, 53481.

MARSHALLESE CULTURAL Society would like to extend an invitation to all Marshallese workers on Kwaj to tour the Marshallese Cultural Center during the lunch hour, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friday. A bag lunch will be provided by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S Fellowship will meet Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m., at Qtrs. 106-A. We will discuss hosting the Majuro ladies for a retreat Feb. 3-7. Pat Savage's famous desserts will be served. All ladies welcome.

KWAJALEIN SWIM Team is looking for a coach for swimmers age 12 and over. It is a paying position. For more information, call Ann, 52293, or Denise, 52304.

ATTENTION QUILTERS. Kwaj Kwilter's island quilt show will be Feb. 19, 9 a.m.-9

**A final and last cholera vaccine clinic at Dock Security check Point will be held on Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> for all RSMV badged workers. Hours will be from 0515 to 1300. Anyone wishing to obtain the oral vaccine should not eat or drink anything (including water) 1 hour before or after receiving the vaccine.**

Those who should not take the vaccine are the following conditions:

- active diarrheal illness and fever,
- pregnant,
- breast feeding,
- or if you have taken antibiotics within the last two days.

For questions call Bess Buchanan, PA-C at 5-2224.

**Ran eo elikata non bok cholera vaccine eo ilo ob en ion Kwajalein enaj ilo ran in Wenje, January 10 ran non aolep eo im ewer aer badje in jeral loon Kwajalein. Awa eo enaj jen 0515 non 1300 awa reselep. Aolep eo im rej toenuak in bok uno in rej jab mikij mona juon awa moka im juon awa elikio aer bok uno in.**

Arnij eo rejab maron hoik uno in rej:

- bororo ro,
- ro im rebok ommenaj in biloda im biba,
- ro im rej kaminin
- ro im tej idruk uno in wa ko ruo ran rematik.

Elape elon kajiook kirlok Bess Buchanan ilo neroba nr 5-2224

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**If you have taken the vaccine on Ebeye or in the prior USMC vaccine clinics held December 26, 27, 28, 29, or January 3, you do not need to take it again.**

**A single oral vaccine provides protection against cholera for a six (6) month period.**

**Elape eroj am kar bok uno in bobrac eo ilo Ebeye ak of eo ilo Kwajalein ilo ran kein December 26, 27, 28, 29, ak January 3 ran eo, kwoj jab rikuj in har boke tokelik. Juon wot sles bok uno in ira enaj bobrac yuk jen am bok nanimij in cholera iumin 6 allin ko.**

p.m., and Feb. 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Deadline for registration forms is Jan. 23. Additional forms are at the library. Questions? Call Brenda, 54364.

KAISC will hold its annual membership drive Jan. 11, 7 p.m., at the Pacific Club. Join us to welcome the new members and our new executive committee. This meeting will provide all lock box key holders an opportunity to sign the RRILA. Refreshments will be provided.

KWAJ KWILTERS present a watercolor quilt demonstration Jan. 23, 7 p.m., in CRC Room 7. Quilt show registrations are due. Questions? Call Brenda, 54364.

RACQUETBALL courts will be closed until further notice. Work is in progress to alleviate the wooden floor problem. Questions? Call Cassie, 52491.

WOULD THE person from GBR-P who purchased the landscape lamps in August or September, call 53279.

DO YOU want to quit smoking? Contact

your physician, Dr. Theo Riley or the Kwajalein Hospital pharmacy for more information.

ATTENTION BOATERS. Are you a licensed B-boat captain or just someone who loves the water? Get your name on the Small Boat Marina's buddy list. This will help you find a crew or captain to plan an outing on the waters around Kwajalein. If you have ever wanted to just get out there, but couldn't find anyone to go with, this is your chance. The list will provide names, interests, and contact information for people just like you.

AS OF TODAY, the weekday B-boat rental rate will be only \$5 per hour for boats checked out before 4 p.m. Also brand spankin' new is our Frequent User Card, which will get you a free half-day weekday rental with every six weekday rentals. Stop by the Small Boat Marina to get yours.

**Classified Ad Deadlines**  
**Tuesday issue: noon Friday**  
**Friday issue: noon Wednesday**

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Fly Away Home (PG, 1996)**

A 13-year-old, Amy, moves in with her estranged father following the tragic death of her mother. At first unhappy with the move, Amy finds a nestful of eggs that she cares for and that eventually hatch into a flock of Canada Geese. She teaches the birds how to fly South and they bring her closer to her dad. (Jeff Daniels, Anna Paquin) (106 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**The Wonder Boys (New Release, R)**

Middle-aged college professor Grady Tripp has just gotten through his third divorce, is involved with a married women while fighting off the advances of a student, and to top it off, he's got writer's block. Meanwhile, one of his male students is obsessed with finding a jacket once owned by Marilyn Monroe. (Michael Douglas, Tobey Maguire, Robert Downey Jr., Rip Torn) (112 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**I Dreamed of Africa (New Release, PG-13)**

The film is based on the life and work of Kuki Gallmann, who, with her husband, Paolo, builds a ranch in Africa and develops a passionate interest in protecting the endangered wildlife of the region. Africa shows its dark side when Paolo is killed and Kuki must fend for herself and her two children in this spectacular but unforgiving landscape. (Kim Basinger, Vincent Perez) (114 minutes)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

**Sunday**

**I Dreamed of Africa (New Release, PG-13)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**The Wonder Boys (New Release, R)**

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Fly Away Home (PG, 1996)**

Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

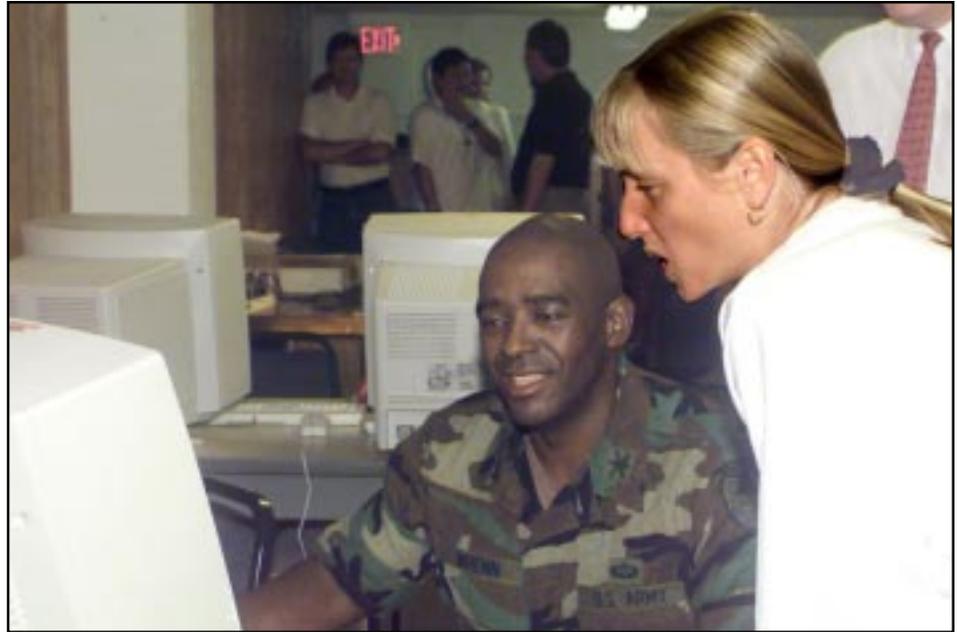
**Monday**

**I Dreamed of Africa (New Release, PG-13)**

Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.

**The Wonder Boys (New Release, R)**

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



(Photo by KW Hillis)

**Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., USAKA/KMR commander, becomes the first person to officially use Mincom's Information Management System software during an official ceremony Wednesday to kick off the new Kwajalein Enterprise Asset Management System. Angie Dickson, Systems Management manager, stands by to assist the commander.**

**MIMS goes live at ribbon-cutting ceremony**

**KW Hillis**

Feature Writer

A 30-cent black, ballpoint pen was ordered at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning to a round of applause.

The cause for celebration was the long-awaited Mincom Information Management System, or MIMS, "go-live" ribbon-cutting. After a last-minute fix to his log-on entry by Systems Management Manager Angie Dickson, Col. Curtis L. Wrenn, Jr., USAKA/KMR commander, ordered the first item on MIMS, the software

part of the system.

MIMS replaces Gold+, the Supply Department's primary management system since 1992. The Kwajalein Enterprise Asset Management System is the whole project — the software and the procedures — that impacts Kwajalein and Roi-Namur both on- and off-island.

"[We no longer] have to maintain a large, complex undocumented system," said Paul Savage, KEAMS steering committee chairman, explaining

(See MIMS, page 4)

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

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast to east-northeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly to mostly sunny with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast to east-northeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 79°  
Tomorrow's high 85°  
**January rain total:** 0.29"  
**Annual rain total:** 0.29"  
**Annual deviation:** -0.89"  
Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday January 9	0707/1846	1806/0603	0349, 4.6' 1605, 6.0'	0940, 0.6' 2234, 0.2'
Wednesday January 10	0707/1846	1911/0707 <b>Full Moon</b>	0432, 4.7' 1646, 6.2'	1022, 0.4' 2316, 0.0'
Thursday January 11	0707/1847	2016/0810	0514, 4.8' 1727, 6.2'	1104, 0.4' 2356, 0.1'
Friday January 12	0708/1847	2118/0909	0555, 4.8' 1808, 6.1'	1145, 0.5'