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Person to deliver singing telegrams, must be willing to work 24/7, fast bike required

I like people who live in a vacuum. They force me to be patient and to think creatively.

My phone rings

Caller: "Is this the Hotline?"

Me: "Yes."

Caller: "I'd like to make a complaint. Why wasn't yadah, yadah, yadah announced or advertised?"

Me: "Actually it was."

Caller: "I guess I missed that e-mail."

Me: "It was in The Hourglass for two issues."

Caller: "I don't read The Hourglass."

Although the "yadah, yadah, yadah" part of THE question changes, the "why wasn't it advertised" seems to stay the same.

Someone stops me at the bakery and asks THE question.

Me: "...and it was on the TV Roller for a week."

Someone: "I don't watch television."

At the adult pool one Monday after-



noon, THE question surfaces.

Me: "...and Rich announced it on the radio twice each morning for six mornings."

Someone: "I don't listen to the radio."

Another phone call and THE question is raised.

Me: "...then, if you don't read the island newspaper, listen to the radio or watch the Roller, how do I get community information to you?"

Caller: "Why not just do an e-mail blast?"

Me: "Well...a lot of our island employees don't have computers."

Caller: "Come on! Everybody at least has a computer at work"

Me: "I don't think the plumbers, carpenters, electricians, boat crews, and welders have computers at work."

Caller: "Oh ... didn't think about that ... but there must be a better way of sharing information."

Me: "Yes ... actually I had been thinking about some alternatives. Courier pigeons and the Pony Express came up in a brainstorming session with my boss the other day, but we need some pigeons and a pony ... singing telegrams and candygrams have been considered ... message in a bottle? ... and a Roi resident offered to assist with smoke signals. Of course, there's always the rumor mill ... and we do have that resident who claims to be psychic, who ... hello? ... hello?"

Jack is definitely a Sooner

For those following our editor, Jim "I don't know nothing about birthing no baby" Bennett, let it be known that Jack, the youngest Bennett made his debut in Tulsa a month before he was due.

Father Jim flew in from Kwajalein at 1:30 p.m on Nov. 18 and got a lesson in birthing babies when Jack arrived

at 5:10 p.m.

Unfortunately, the Hourglass's e-mail is down so a photo will have to wait.

The word is that Jack is already a Cubs fan along with his big sister Marissa (now THAT's a surprise) and the family celebrated his homecoming watching OU win.

Marshallese Word of the Day

Jete - how many/much

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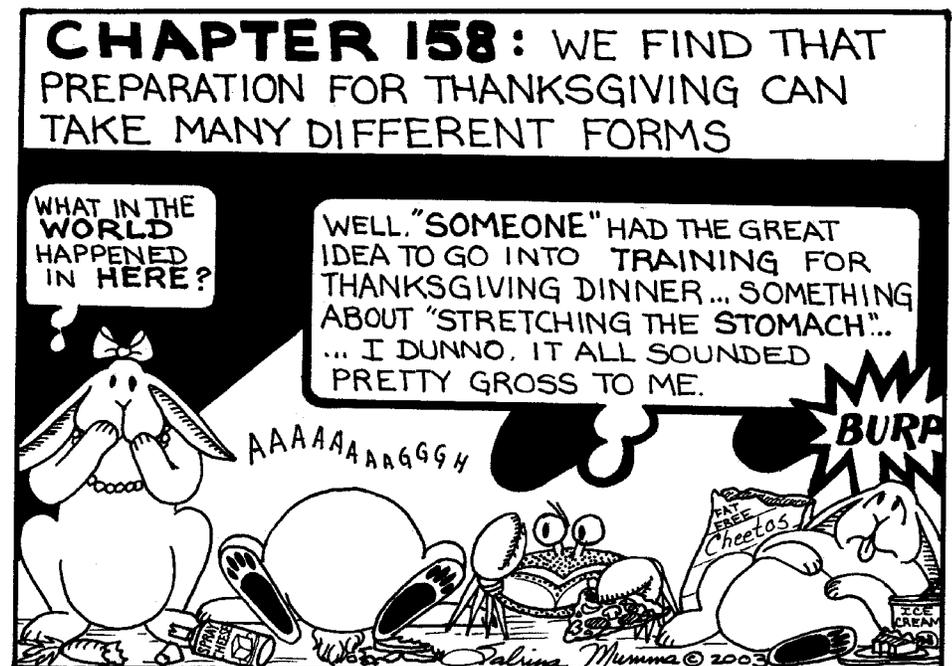
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Buckminster and Friends

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Passengers keep flying despite closure

By KW Hillis
Associate Editor

A snapped cable connected to the nose steering mechanism of a C-5 aircraft, Friday morning, shut down Kwajalein's active runway most of the workday. Despite a cancelled Continental flight, a combination of events and extra work allowed many passengers to make their connections.

"The C-5 was finishing landing and getting ready to make the turn at the end of the runway ... [when] according to the crew, a cable snapped in the nose steering mechanism," said Mark VerStraten, acting director of Logistics and Community Activities. "Then the runway had to be closed."

The flight, loaded with cargo, made a normal landing and was performing a turnaround on the runway so the plane could taxi to the west end of the field where the cargo would be unloaded, said Andy Havard, Airport Operations manager.

Before the plane could be moved off the active runway, the crew first had to get permission from their home unit to move the plane, he said. Without steering available, moving the plane is an unusual maneuver and the crew wanted to make sure no more damage to the aircraft would occur.

Realizing the flight was disabled, the runway was immediately shut down and word was sent out to the commercial carriers that the airport was closed, Havard said.

Arrangements were made with the Army and AirScan to use the parallel taxi way for commuter and AMI flights, he said, explaining that smaller aircraft can use the taxi way, but it is not sufficient for larger carriers like Continental and Aloha.

"We can use our taxiway for air traffic, depending on the operation and size of the aircraft," VerStraten said.

After the runway was shutdown about 10:30 a.m., an incoming Air Marshall Island flight was delayed, but it eventually landed. The commuter flights between Roi and Kwajalein flew as scheduled, also using the taxi way, VerStraten said.

People from many departments all over the island reacted, including Kwajalein Operations, the police and fire departments and aviation



Cargo is unloaded from a disabled C-5 which shutdown the runway for five hours Friday. Extra work by departments from all over Kwaj helped keep the disruption to a minimum, said Andy Havard, Airport Ops manager.

(Photo by Dan Adler)

converging on the airfield to help analyze the situation and get the plane off the runway, Harvard said. One decision was to unload the cargo before trying to move the plane.

"That took a little bit of time," Harvard said, explaining that without the cargo the plane weighed less and would make the procedure of moving it easier.

Meanwhile, Continental made the decision to fly over Kwajalein and land on Majuro on their way to Hawaii. This stranded 38 passengers who planned to board the flight.

But extra work by the Commercial Airline Services people and extra seats on small planes allowed the bulk of the stranded passengers to get to Majuro in time to board the Continental flight that skipped Kwaj.

Nine seats were available on a metroliner plane, leaving at 2 p.m., tasked to go to Majuro to pick up a group of Host Nation and KRS people, said Leonard Lollar, AirScan director of Operations. (See related photo on page 4.)

Then AMI delayed their departure one hour so they could take 16 more, he added.

But it was more than just loading people onto waiting planes, the commercial aviation traffic people "jumped through every hoop they could" to go through the passenger list and find the people who had to get to Hawaii, Havard said.

"We tried to prioritize people who had a medical appointment, connecting flights or had non-refundable tickets," said Donna Groth, Terminal supervisor. "In a crisis we all pull together. My crew of nine really did a good job."

At first Groth and her crew, went

though the list to find nine people for the metroliner trip to Majuro.

"They worked through lunch and they got the people I could take and then AMI came in," Lollar said.

Then the group went through the list again to put 16 more people on the AMI flight.

"A lot of people had E-tickets, they had to handwrite tickets," Lollar said. "They went to a lot of trouble. I was really impressed."

By 2:30 p.m., 25 of the 38 Continental passengers were on their way to Majuro to catch their flight, Groth said. The remaining 13 passengers departed Saturday morning on the Aloha flight which had arrived after the runway opened Friday afternoon.

The active runway opened at 3:30 p.m. when C-5's crew moved the plane to the airfield's hot spot using a procedure called "differential taxiing," Havard said. Without any steering mechanism available, the crew had to direct the plane by manipulating the brakes and engines without steering the wheels at all.

It is important that Kwajalein's runway remains open, especially now, Havard said.

Only one scheduled commercial flight was affected during the time the airport was closed, but military flights and commercial flights which need to make emergency landings could have been affected since Wake Island's runway is temporarily closed (see Nov. 18 *Hourglass* article), he said.

"We're the emergency diversion (airport) for all over the Pacific," he said. If our airport is closed, "that capability is lost."

Fortunately, on Friday, "no one complained," he added.

Whirlwind shopping trip puts unique items on local shelves

By Jan Waddell
Reporter

Just in time for the Christmas shopping season, new merchandise from Republic of the Marshall Islands RMI will soon be on Macy's and Gimbel's shelves.

"This will give Kwajalein something different," said Nick Perry KRS contract manager said. "We are putting money in the local community."

Several KRS and USAKA employees traveled to Majuro on Friday tasked with buying local RMI fare.

Greeted at the Majuro airport by a driver from the American Embassy, for the next eight hours the buying group did some non-stop shopping.

The first stop on their whirlwind trip was with Jessica Reimers, chief operation officer of Robert Reimers Enterprise Inc., to purchase black pearls from the Marshall Islands.

"This is a win-win for both communities," said Paul Divinski, KRS Retail Merchandising manager.

The pearls are all price ranges, Divinski said, looking at the pearls. There is something for everybody.

The pearls they purchased ranged from rounds to tear drop with some set as earrings, rings and necklaces

The pearls had excellent luminosity, Divinski added.

The black pearls come in a variety of sizes, shapes and iridescence coloring and the pearls are grown in local atolls and take several months to grow, Reimers said.

"Our community on Kwaj is going to be very excited about the pearls," Perry said. The group was excited by the purchase.

This is the first significant contractor-purchase from a RMI business, said Maj. David Coffey, USAKA Host

At Majuro's airport, Brian Ponte and Paul Divinski, right, get ready to give a box with RMI merchandise to co-pilot Jesus Cano. Pilot Reggie Caillouett, left, helps a passenger who traveled to Majuro on the metroliner aircraft. Since Kwaj's runway was temporarily shutdown on Friday, nine passengers, originally booked on Continental, were able to fly to Majuro on the plane. (See related story, page 3)

(Photo by Jan Waddell)



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ABOVE: Majuro handicraft shop Am Mon Keke employee, Wella Tony, shown reflected in a mirror, prepares handwoven boxes destined for Kwajalein and Roi retail shelves.

FRONT COVER: KRS Contract manager Nick Perry, left, examines a selection of black pearls shown to him by Jessica Reimers, RRE chief Operations officer.

Nation chief.

"[The pearl purchase] has been a success," Perry said after he left the Reimers. This is KRS and USAKA's first step to promote trade with a local RMI company, he added.

The next stop — Am Mon Keke, a handicraft shop, is owned by Mona Levy-Strauss.

Am Mon Keke means a place where you can get your clothes sewn or made, said Maryanne Lane, Host Nation officer.

At Am Mon Keke, two local women

were sitting on the floor braiding necklaces and one was in the backroom, sewing.

The shop was filled with woven baskets, wall hangings, shell necklaces, muumuus, shorts and shirts.

Perry, Divinski and Brian Ponte, KRS Contracts administrator, purchased woven wall hangings, kili bags, woven boxes and muumuus to bring back to Kwajalein.

After smiles and hand shakes, Levy-Strauss agreed to have the items boxed and at the airport at 3:30 p.m. to load on the plane for immediate delivery to Kwajalein.

The buying party then headed for Tibon, a local coconut soap and coconut oil company.

They met with Regina Alberttar, office manager, who took them on a tour of the plant operations and showed them what products were available.

The plant processes local coconuts and turns it into soaps and oils.

Tibon offered a *Lijakwe* Coconut Beauty Bar in green and blue along with coconut laundry soap. They also produce coconut oil, which was

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More RMI goods, including bottled water, are on tap ...

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unavailable on this buying trip.

Perry made arrangements to obtain some coconut oil, when the product was ready.

Loaded up with boxes of bath soap and laundry soap the shopping party was off to see a man about some shirts.

Harry Doulatram, chairman of Ace International Inc. owns a small shop, in Majuro, filled with t-shirts, tank tops and light weight sweatshirts screen printed with *Cha Nin Way*, which is the name a local, popular band and is also Marshallese for coconut crab. The shop also carried the band's CDs.

Doulatram displayed his assortment of shirts and Divinski and Perry checked out the quality, color and quality of the screen printing.

Divinski remarked on the exceptional quality of the printing and the uniqueness of the design.

They purchased the entire stock.

After Divinski listened to some of *Cha Nin Way's* CDs, he purchased a small quantity as a sample for Kwajalein residents.

He said he wanted to see how Kwajalein residents liked the music before committing to a large quantity.

With the vehicle loaded with RMI products, Perry remarked that this had been a very good trip and he felt the Kwajalein residents would have a good variety of items to try.

This was the first trip and it was extremely productive, Divinski said.

At 3:30 p.m. two of the vendors, Levy-Strauss and Doulatram met the buying party at the Majuro air terminal and loaded the day's purchases on the plane, for the short hour-trip to Kwajalein.

"I felt the locals were excited and appreciative that we were doing business with them," Perry said.

We are waiting on government inspection results of bottled water, fresh fish and fresh vegetables before we can start purchasing those, he said.

"Our vision is to do as much local buying as possible," Perry said.

Divinski estimates the new products should be in Macy's and Gimbel's by Dec. 1.

Project gathers stories for future generations

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON —The letters, memoirs, audio interviews and photographs are "everything that you could imagine," said Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, director of the Veterans History Project www.loc.gov/folklife/vets, an effort begun by Congress two years ago to preserve the stories and memories of America's war veterans.

The letters, she said, speak of combat and what war was like. There are also stories of pranks and funny misfortunes that occurred while veterans were on leave. But most stories, she said, speak of the closeness and camaraderie within the military — "my buddies, my unit, and loyalty," she noted, adding, "Loyalty is a very big theme."

Another theme often written about is love and longing, she said, "you know, longing for the folks back home."

McCulloch-Lovell pointed out that the project is stepping up efforts to ensure the words of thousands of

veterans are told to an even greater audience. She said this month the Veterans History Project began airing a series radio broadcast called "Coming Home." The series features the oral biographies of 18 war veterans who tell of their war experiences and life in the military. It's being aired via Public Radio International, which develops and supplies of noncommercial audio content to affiliate stations throughout the country.

McCulloch-Lovell said, "Nobody on the show is famous. It's all the individual stories of people who served."

The Veterans History Project has also expanded features on its Web site, to include more digitized letters, photos and individual stories. Site visitors can now "see and listen" to the stories of 23 veterans, she said. And there is no shortage of stories to tell.

I think the older veterans are not sitting back and waiting for someone to interview them," she said. "They're sitting down and writing these remarkable memoirs and personal stories

and are sending them to us."

Still, she said, even with the increased flow of mail arriving daily, the project staff tries to read each and every story. "We try to see and read everything that we can," she noted. "We can't quite keep up with it, but we really try to be familiar with the individual stories in the collection."

The project director observed that the collection is missing letters and stories from soldiers currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Once they get back home, and get some rest, and their life has settled, I'm sure we'll hear from them," she said.

On the importance of the Veterans History Project, she said that 100 years from now people will be able to look back and understand why veterans served. "Certainly our goals are to collect and to preserve the stories," she pointed out, "but I think we also have two very important goals -- that we honor the service and that we educate future generations about what it's like to serve."

Classified Ads

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the paper will be published Thursday.

Next week: Hourglass classified ads are due by noon, 11/2 days before publication. Friday's ads are due by noon Wednesday and Tuesday's ads are due by noon Friday.

All ads for a given resident must be less than 50 words. We will combine multiple ad submissions and/or edit for style and space.

Letters to the Editor

Keep letters to less than 300 words, and keep your comments to the issues. Letters must be signed. We will edit for AP style and, if you exceed the word limit, space. Please limit yourself to one letter every 30 days to give other readers a chance to write.

Send your letter to:

The Hourglass, P.O. Box 23, Local; or
jbennett@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil

HELP WANTED

KRS has the following on-island job opening. Unless otherwise noted, call Alan Taylor, 55154.

SECRETARY, Education. Full time. Keep database for K-12 schools, prepare monthly enrollment and financial reports, maintain SAC minutes, requires knowledge of Word, Excel and Access. Childcare clearance required.

SECRETARY, Quality Systems. Full time. Provide administrative support to Quality and Risk Management office, maintain spread sheets for claims, inspections and action items, prepare final versions of tech reports and forms, coordinate risk management and quality training.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, Cash Office. Full time. Temporary for two or three months. Perform bank reconciliations, data entry, requires good analytical skills, proficiency in MS Excel, problem solving skills and attention to detail. Accounting or cashier experience desirable.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. Provide supervision and instruction in the absence of the regular classroom teacher. Organizational skills and structure are a prerequisite. Teaching certification preferred, but not required. Childcare clearance required.

CYS ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

CYS HOMEWORK CENTER LEAD

CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB ASSISTANT

MS/TEEN HOMEWORK CENTER ASSISTANT

CYS and MS openings are flexible hours, afternoons/evenings. High school diploma plus childcare/youth experience, childcare clearance required.

USAKA/RTS has the following job vacancies. For job information, call Cris Foster, Civilian Personnel officer, 54417. Access on-line at <http://www.cpol.army.mil>.

SAFETY and OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH MANAGER, GS-0018-13. Command Safety Directorate, USAKA/RTS. 24-month overseas tour with transportation and housing agreement. Announcement No. SCBK03490050. Closes Dec. 9.

SUPERVISORY GENERAL ENGINEER, GS-0801-14. Program Support Division, Kwajalein Support Directorate. Duty station in Huntsville, AL. Full time temporary not to exceed two years. Announcement No. SCBK03497334. Closes Dec. 9.

WANTED

MEN'S SOCCER shoes, size 9½ or 10. Call Mitch, 51279.

CAT LOVER to baby-sit my cat. He's declawed, neutered, and very mellow. He needs daily attention, so only real cat lovers apply. Call Ron, 53270, days or 51558, evenings.

HOUSE SITTING Dec. 1-Feb. 10. Will clean, feed fish, walk dog, mow lawn, etc. Call Mike, 55987.

BICYCLES in reasonably good working order or needing minor repairs can be donated to the junior/senior high school PTSO for use by Ebeye students while on Kwajalein as transportation on school activities. To donate a bike, call Gregg, 59747H/50952W, or Jennifer, 51950H.

LOST

LONG GOOSENECK with handlebars attached, on Perimeter Road north of Emon Beach. Call 53787.

PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES with spring hinges, in old housing roads near the dock. Call 52319.

GIVEAWAY

PHOTOGRAPHIC CAMERA box, hardcase with foam cutouts, dimensions 9" x 12" x 12", great for camera or strobe. Call 52573.

FOR SALE

23' BAYLINER Trophy with V-8 power, a/c, covered boathouse with patio, chest freezer, an overnight delight, ski, fish or just cruise, \$38,000. Call 52725.

PCS SALE. JBL speargun, \$100; Mares fins, \$30; 7 x 50 binoculars, \$30; weight belts; traveling iron, \$20; clothing. Call 52737.

JUICE EXTRACTOR, \$40; TV antenna, still in box, \$50; baby jumper, \$20; baby nursing pillow, \$10; deck wood, \$100; Cannondale Iron Man racing bike, \$1,000; jogging stroller, \$20; grill, \$20; newborn bathtub, \$10. Call 54622.

BREWER'S KIT, everything you need to start brewing your favorite ale, many extras, \$90. Call 52573.

TRAVEL GOLF bag cover, black, soft-sided, with wheels, \$25; blue hibiscus kitchen clock, \$5; bike lock, \$5; hairdryer, \$8; brown leather shoulder travel bag, \$10; Seiko Mickey Mouse watch, needs battery, \$15. Call 58954, after 5 p.m.

WOMEN'S BICYCLE, all aluminum, less than one year old. Call 55545, after 6 p.m.

SAMSONITE large suitcase with wheels, \$100; Sony cordless phone with answering machine, \$50. Call 51229, days or 53448, evenings.

1999 SEASWIRL 21' walkaround cabin boat with 150 hp engine and 10 hp kicker, excellent condition, boat No. 032, completely outfitted with stereo, safety gear, life jackets, anchors, line and fenders, \$25,000. Call Jim, 50894, or Madelain, 907-344-2306.

AREA RUGS, many colors, \$5-\$25. Call 53398.

CIRCULAR SAW, \$25; 4" foam for cushions, large, \$5 each; espresso machine, new, \$45; Cuisinart, old model but works fine, \$30. Call Cris, 52935.

SANTA SUIT, deluxe with all accessories, \$100 or best offer; large Webber smoker, \$50. Call 53680, after 5 p.m.

CHEST FREEZER, in good condition. Call 53633.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE K-12 school calendar for the 2004-2005 school year is being developed. Any parent who wishes to provide input into this process should call the school office, 53761, or send written suggestions to the school at P.O. Box 51, Local.

SANTA'S MAILBOX is going to be at the Post Office Dec. 8-15. Santa is waiting to hear from Kwaj boys and girls. Don't forget your return address so Santa can write back to you.

YOKWE YUK WOMEN'S Club annual Holiday Exchange Dinner is Saturday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m., in the MP room. Tickets are available by calling Lora, 54186.

MARSHALLESE CHRISTMAS cards are on sale at the Marshallese Cultural Center. 15 cards for \$10. A great way to send holiday greetings.

Fire alarm systems on Kwajalein will be out of service for systems upgrades tomorrow and Friday. Although alarms may work in facilities, alarms will not register at the Fire Department. If fire alarms are activated, call 911.

PTO MEETS tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room.

KWAJALEIN ATOLL International Sportfishing Club's monthly meeting is tomorrow, 7 p.m., at the Pacific Club.

SELF HELP is closing Thursday for inventory. Only lawn mowers will be delivered. Questions? Call Bill, 54840.

CUB SCOUT Pack 135 father/son bake-off is Monday, Dec. 3. Gingerbread houses must be made. All ingredients must be edible. Judging at 3:30 p.m. Den meeting at 4 p.m. Questions? Call your den leader.

SECOND and THIRD grade Holiday Concert is Dec. 4, 7 p.m., in the MP room. The second graders will sing "A Teddy Bear Christmas" and the third graders will perform "Partners Around the World."

KWAJALEIN AMATEUR Radio Club's monthly meeting is Dec. 4, 7 p.m., at the Ham Shack. There will be a short business meeting followed by a Christmas party. Bring your favorite pupu and a white elephant gift. Drinks will be provided. Questions? Call Ivy, 54814.

VISION SCREENS will be conducted based on parent request/referral and/or teacher referral. Each child that receives a vision screening will be given a notification of the results and follow up instructions as needed.

TB SKIN TESTS will be done on all children in even grades. This is in compliance with our requirements for school-age children attending school on Kwajalein. The TB skin test must be read at the hospital 48-72 hours after the test is done.

MONTHLY ISLAND Orientation and Ebeye Cultural Tour is tomorrow. The Host Nation tour of Ebeye is in the morning. Be at the dock for the 7:20 a.m. ferry. Bottled water and sunscreen are recommended. Women should wear long skirts or modest dresses. Questions? Call 54848. Orientation begins at 1 p.m. in CAC room 6. It is mandatory for all new arrivals and recommended for family members over 10. Questions? Call 51134.

BOY SCOUT Court of Honor is Dec. 7, 7 p.m., in CRC room 1. Boys bring a dessert to share. Troop will provide drinks. Questions? Call Bob, 52073.

ENNIBURR CHILDREN'S Christmas Party and Roi-Namur Tree-Lighting Ceremony is Dec. 15, noon-7 p.m. For flight reservations, call Mike, 56580, or Steph, 56599.

KWAJALEIN SWIM TEAM end-of-season banquet luncheon is Sunday, Dec. 7, 12:30-3:30 p.m., in the MP room.

POST OFFICE HOLIDAY shuttle service is now available through 5 p.m., Dec. 24. Shuttle hours are: Daily, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. The shuttle is stationed at the Post Office. Calls to Central Motor Pool are not necessary. Customers must travel with packages to their quarters.

BABY-SITTER training is Saturday, Nov. 29. Certified baby-sitters will be placed on an island-wide referral list. To register, call Karen, 53610, by Nov. 25.

HELP WITH a special Kwajalein tradition. The new Kwaj cookbook is being compiled. Send your favorite recipes to Laura Alves, P.O. Box 1237, Local, by Dec. 15.

SMALL BOAT MARINA is open Thanksgiving Day, Friday, Nov. 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Questions? Call 53643.

THE HISTORY OF JAZZ weekly series continues 6-8 p.m., in the Adult Recreation Center on the following dates: Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Dec. 21.

SANTA'S COMING



Santa and Mrs. Claus are coming to Kwaj on Dec. 6, 5 p.m., at the airport. After they arrive, join the Santamobile for the parade to the tree-lighting and block party. KRS Food Service will have food and beverage tents.

5:15-6 p.m., Santamobile parade
 5-8 p.m., Block party at the Yuk Club
 6:15-7:30 p.m., Tree-lighting ceremony will include the Girl Scouts, junior/senior high school band, Masina's hula dancing keikis, school choirs, Job Corps and SANTA!

See you at the movies!

Wednesday

Holiday Homicide (2003, PG13) Two moonlighting cops get assigned a multiple homicide case.

Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Boat Trip (2003 R) Two men on the rebound from failed romances book a trip only to find out it is an all gay cruise.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Terminator 3 (2003 R) John Connor is now living on the streets and is once again being targeted for termination.

Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Finding Nemo (2003, G) A computer animated story about a small fish in a large ocean.

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

8 Crazy Nights (2002 PG13) Adam Sandler's animated comedy about a man celebrating Hanukkah.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Final Destination (2000, R) A teenage horror about a man who cheats death, but can't get away that easily.

Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Freaky Friday (2003, PG) A high strung mom and her punk-style daughter take a walk in the other's shoes.

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Monday

Boat Trip (2003, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Finding Nemo (2003 G)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Small Arms Range is in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below. All watercraft observe the red flags at the southwest end of the island.



The December barge will arrive on Kwaj Dec. 14. Christmas trees will be delivered to the high school Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. If there are any changes, an update will be provided.

Hep A deaths in U.S. is a serious reminder to wash veggies

By KW Hillis
Assistant Editor

Those little green onions, used to spice up many dishes, are at the root of this month's Hepatitis A outbreak in Pennsylvania which has sickened at least 555 people and caused three deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC has traced these particular green onions back to some Mexican farms.

Kwajalein does receive green onions from Mexico, legally shipped to California and then to USAKA, along with produce from all over the world, said Pat Zurick, KRS Food sanatorium, who, for the past six years has inspected all food supplies arriving on island and the sanitation procedures at all facilities serving food.

ties serving food.

"I have not seen any outbreaks from food served at the food service facilities on island since I have been here," he said, explaining that a good percentage of fresh produce, here and in the U.S., comes from other countries.

Six years ago, the percent of food from other countries shipped to the U.S. was 50 percent, he said.

"Mexico is not a culprit; it can happen to food grown in any country, including the U.S.," he added.

Hepatitis A virus attacks the liver, and can cause jaundice, fatigue,

lose of appetite, nausea and fever among other symptoms, according to the Food and Drug Administration. The disease develops six weeks after exposure and is usually mild, but can be severe as evidenced by the three deaths. Raw green onions

"But produce brought at Surfway, Ten-Ten or Gimbels, needs washing and scrubbing to make sure it is safe."

— Pat Zurick
KRS Food sanatorium

were also the culprit in another, earlier, outbreak of Hepatitis A in Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia in September.

Stringent food handling procedures along with the requirement that all food service workers have a Hepatitis A vaccination, have kept residents here healthy, he said.

"Our food code, used in all facilities that serve meals, requires that all fresh produce be washed and sanitized," he said.

"But produce brought at Surfway, Ten-Ten or Gimbels, needs washing and scrubbing to make sure it is safe," he said, explaining that cooking food to 140 degrees and above is also effective. The food, if kept out, needs to be maintained at that temperature or refrigerated, as done at the food facilities on island.

Although the food facilities use a carefully formulated bleach solution to sanitize the produce, that step is not recommended for home use because of the danger of too much bleach, which in itself can be deadly, he said.

"Wash and scrub with a produce brush or new Handiwipe cloth," he

said, explaining the cloth should be new each time to cut down on contamination from a dirty cloth.

Washing produce, such as carrots, before peeling is also a way to keep from spreading pathogens, he said.

The FDA recommends a series of steps, in addition to washing and cooking produce, to help prevent illness. The steps include buying undamaged produce; chilling and refrigerating food within two hours of peeling or cutting; washing hands and cutting surfaces often with soapy water; and keeping food chilled when transporting it outside for a picnic or to another location.

"Unfortunately, more and more we are seeing outbreaks in the U.S. and we find that produce is capable of carrying pathogens."

Different types of melons, which can carry salmonella, are another major know source of illness, he said. But, just like other produce that is served on the Kwaj and Roi, they are scrubbed, sanitized and safe by the time they reach the diner.

Green onions, incidentally from Mexico, were scheduled to arrive on the next plane, but because of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration warning, there won't be any shipped, Zurick said.

Green onions, still on island from the last shipment, were removed from the grocery shelves and the ones used at the food service facilities were, of course, washed and sanitized or washed and cooked before using, he said.

For any green onions still in home refrigerators, Zurick offered the following advice.

"If you wash and then cook them, you'll be in good shape," he said.



Weather
Courtesy of RTS Weather

Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Variable and less than 7 knots.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Southeast at 5-10 knots.
Temperature: Tonight's low 80°
Tomorrow's high 88°
November rain total: 3.45"
Annual rain total: 84.90"
Annual deviation: -5.41"
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Sun • Moon • Tides				
	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday November 25	0645/1826	0744/1940	0440, 5.2' 1700, 6.4'	1040, 0.4' 2330, 0.2'
Wednesday November 26	0646/1826	0851/2045	1740, 6.2' 0520, 5.0'	1120, 0.5'
Thursday November 27	0646/1827	0956/2150	1820, 5.8' 0620, 4.7'	0010, 0.5' 1200, 0.9'